U.S. Working With Hanoi To Return 'Boat People'

By Tim Weiner

WASHINGTON — Seeking to end a long epilogue of the Vietnam War, Washington is working quietly with Hanoi to create a program that would persuade 40,000 Vietnamese boat people in Southeast Asian refugee camps to return home.

The initiative is being undertaken by the National Security Council and the departments of State and Justice in the hope of avoiding more public debate and violent protests in the camps by detainees who do not want to return to Vietnam.

The plan responds to legislation spon-sored by Representative Christopher H. Smith, a New Jersey Republican, that would bar the United States from providing about \$25 million to the United Nations to help resettle the Vietnamese. The migrants fled their homeland, many in rickety boats, after the defeat of South Vietnam in 1975. In talks that began a month ago in Hanoi, We laid out an approach to the gov-enment of Vietnam, and they made clear that they shared our goals and would try to come up with a workable way to do it," said a Cinton administration official working on the plan. A formal response from Hanci is expected this month.

Under the plan, the Vietnamese would be transported to Ho Chi Minh City under the auspices of the United Nations. There, they would be guaranteed interviews with U.S. immigration officials.

Those who qualify as political refugees—such as people who worked for the United States or its allies during the war, who were religious leaders or who were imprisoned in education camps" after the war would be allowed to go to the United States. Others, such as North Vietnamese fishermen who fied for economic reasons after the war, would have no choice but to return.

Administration officials say that as many as several thousand of the Victnamese in the camps worked for U.S. milthery and intelligence services during the war and have reason to helieve that they could rescule in the United States.

Others may be personaled to assume to Vietnam if they can be convinced families will not be persecuted. The United Nation responsible for monitoring the treatment of the tens of thousands of Vietnamese who have been returned home, says it has not documented any cases in which returning migrants have been treated harshly.

Representative Smith has said he proposed the legislation because of concerns that many of the Vietnamese had been unfairly denied refugee status, but the Unised Nations has denied this.

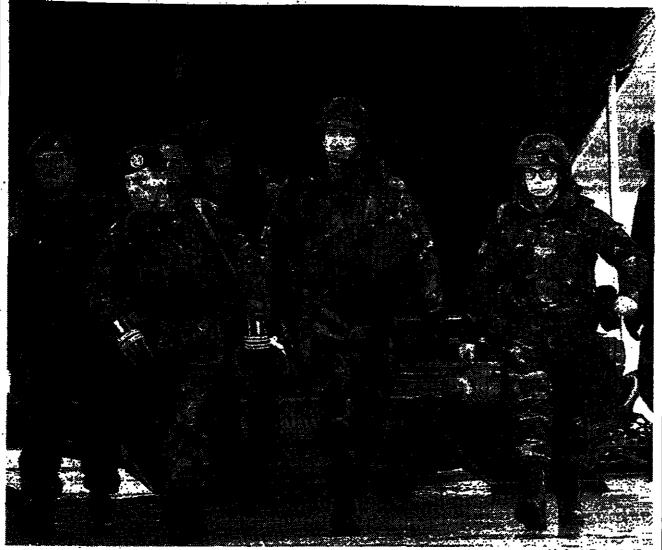
The Vietnamese are the last of the boat people, more than I million of whom fled their country in crowded vessels after the war. Most resettled outside Asia, mainly in the United States. Those still in detention camps in Hong Kong, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines endure an unhappy existence.

Their homeland, once a symbol of endless war and impoverished communism, now has one of the world's fastest-growing economies. And the time has passed when the United States and other wealthy countries willingly accepted immigrants.

Rejected for resettlement after extensive

interviews by UN refugee officials, thousands of the boat people in the camps were returning home voluntarily under UN supervision until this summer

Then word of the Smith legislation created a stir in the detention camps, prompting some Vienamese to not and others to reconsider their plans to return voluntarily. But the House legislation, which earmarks \$30 million to bring some of the Viet-namese to the United States, is now languishing in the Senate.



British and U.S. troops arriving Monday in the Bosnian capital as part of the NATO peacekeeping contingent. Page 12.

Accused Serb Sheds Light on Dark Crimes

By John Pomfret

BELGRADE — Goran Jelisic is fond of aphonisms. This one was short and "It's much easier to kill a Muslim than

to save him," he said. Investigators with the International War Crimes Tribunal at The Hague say Mr. Jelisic should know. The tribunal has charged han with killing 14 Bosnian Muslims and running a concentration camp in northern Bosnia where hundreds

metal grate that drained into the Sava Alexander. River to minimize the cleanup after the

An interview with Mr. Jelisic recently provided a rare opportunity to confront firsthand a man accused of the kinds of war crimes that became an ugly hallmark conversation, the 27-year-old Serb was never beat that case." often contradictory and hardly ever forth-

Many of the men he allegedly killed himself the Serb Adolf. In others, he were shot at close range in the head or displayed photographs of himself stand-

back. According to the allegations, some ing with Muslim friends and had his were forced to place their heads on a mother fetch his sleeping newborn son,

He denied commanding the Luka camp in the northern Bosnian city of Brcko where, the tribunal charges, hundreds of Muslim civilians were slaughtered in May and June of 1992. But then again, he said, if The Hague's investigators ever of the Bosnian war. In two hours of caught him: "I'd commit suicide. I could

The case against Mr. Jelisic -14 charges of murder, one of torture, three of In some moments, he opened a window beatings, one of plunder and one of creinto the mind of a fighter who used to call ating conditions of terror at the Brcko

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Americans Begin to Accept Bosnia Role

By Dirk Johnson New York Times Service

SPRINGFIELD. Missouri - The notion of sending American troops to risk their lives in Bosnia initially struck Scott rough-hewn Ozarks town, as downright foolish. Nichols, a 26-year-old trucker in this

Mr. Nichols, browsing in a gun shop for something to hunt rabbits and squirreis with, ticked off the reasons he thought President Bill Clinton was wrong to commit 20,000 troops to the peacekeeping effort: the lack of a clear national interest in the Balkans, the odds against quelling deep-rooted hostilities, the dan- to St. Louis, Missouri. ger to American forces if guerrilla-style

But you think of the pictures of those

poor people, lying in the street, some of Balkans. them kids, raped, tortured, murdered," be "It re

The involvement of the U.S. military in Bosnia, a subject that once met with overwhelming disapproval among Americans, seems to be gaining favor, to judge from the talk in the cafés and bookstores, bowling alleys and strip malls, along the stretch of Interstate 44 from Springfield

Nearly half of the three-dozen people

fighting crupts. Then he drew a breath and interviewed this past week in this bell-shook his head. wether state said they believed the United States had a duty to restore peace in the

"That's pretty hard to turn away from.
And you think, I don't know, maybe it is works at a library in Manchester." "At night sometimes, I would sit and think of how it must be for some of these poor Bosnian mothers, trapped in some darkened hovel, waiting for children to come home, knowing they might never come home.

"I don't even see it as a political issue,

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Swiss Contribution: An Open Path for NATO Troops

mission on a case-by-case basis after the Bosnian peace agree- Herzegovina," the spokesman, Franz Egle, added.

through its territory. The cabinet said it would permit North Atlantic Treaty

BERN — Switzerland agreed Monday to grant passage to NATO troops and matériel bound for peacekeeping in Bosnia, the first time the neutral republic has allowed NATO forces through its territory.

ment is signed in Paris later this month. NATO supplies would otherwise have to be diverted around Switzerland on the way from some NATO centers in Western Europe to bases in Italy and the Balkan region.

"This kind of permission has never been granted before." said a Foreign Ministry spokesman. "Switzerland wants to Organization supply flights and land transport for the peace make a contribution to the chances for peace in Bosnia-

Juppé Stands Firm As Strike Intensifies

Cabinet Renews Call for Talks; Crisis Shows No Sign of Easing

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - Prime Minister Alain Juppé refused to buckle Monday under the pressure of the intensifying work stoppages that are posing risks of inflicting serious damage to the world's fourth-biggest econ-

The government spokesman, Alain Lamassoure, emphasized the cabinet's determination "to see through" the package of reforms that Mr. Juppé insists are necessary to salvage one of the world's most generous social welfare and pension systems from potential bankruptcy.

But he also reaffirmed its "readiness for dialogue" with striking workers and stu-dents, whose nascent alliance could emerge as one of the most serious internal threats to the country since the 1968 riots that shook the state and helped drive President Charles de Gaulle from office a year

For the 11th day, there were no trains, buses or subway service in the captial and much of the country. Around Paris, people struggled to get to work on foot, bicycles or roller skates, as record traffic jams snarled roads into the capital.

Air France employees signaled they may join the movement on Thursday by blocking air traffic as well.

The worst industrial unrest in a decade escalated as students, teachers and hospital workers joined a snowballing campaign to block the government's overhaul of the country's welfare system.

Dock workers and truck drivers have threatened to start blocking ports and roads this week, which could force the government send in armed troops to prevent fuel and other shortages. In Marseille, Bordeaux, Strasbourg and Lyon, stretches of highways were already being blocked by trucks as the road transport union appeared to be joining

Many electricity, gas and postal workers also have joined work stoppages.

Seeking to ease the plight of Parisian commuters, the government hired a fleet of 1,500 private buses to help move people into the capital from the suburbs. A dozen large riverboats were also mobilized to ferry people to various points in Paris along the Seine.

The stopgap measures appeared to have little effect in stemming the massive dis-

ruptions, which may soon grow worse. The government has been hoping that public sentiment will turn against the strik- afternoon. ers, but polls show a majority of voters share their anxiety that the government's austerity regime of higher taxes, lower pensions, and possible job cuts is too painful to bear.

The government insists it will not back down over its reform package, which it claims is necessary to curtail huge deficits and enable France to qualify for a single European currency. Mr. Juppé has vowed to press ahead with his program and will not back down even if he is confronted by the prospect of resigning, aides said.

Union leaders, however, say that the planned overhaul of the social security system must be scrapped before they will advocate a return to work.

"The Juppé plan must be withdrawn. After that, we will negotiate," said Louis Viannet, head of the CGT union.

Until now, the government has taken an extremely low profile and hoped that public anger with the strikers would force the

Less than 10 percent of the French work force are union members, and there has been much dismay with the way the unions have mismanaged pension funds in the

In addition, the government expected the

public would show little sympathy for the train workers, who have built up an extensive array of benefits that are envied by much of the work force.

But polls show that the country appears to be split down the middle over the fate of the reforms: While 51 percent do not want the government to back down, 62 percent say they favor the cause of the train workers.

Those sentiments, say political analysts, reflect growing public frustration in France with the high interest rates and deficit cuts required to meet the criteria for a single currency. As a result, they say, the cause of a united Europe is rapidly losing support

with the French public.

Mr. Juppé is to make his first public comment on the crisis in nearly a week when he appears before the National Assembly on Tuesday in a debate on a censure motion raised by the opposition Socialists. Since the conservative majority controls 80 percent of the Parliament's seats, there is no chance the government will lose a con-

French Markets Fear Leaders Will Buckle

By Max Berley

PARIS — French financial markets were battered Monday as widening labor unrest cast doubts on the country's ability to qualify for the planned European Mon-

Investors shunned the French franc and drove the Paris Bourse sharply lower while a strike by public transportation workers hardened and threatened to broaden Tuesday to other public-sector workers as well as to some private-sector workers, including taxi drivers and truckers.

The Deutsche mark rose as high as 3.4866 francs Monday before stabilizing at 3.4782, up from 3.4545 francs Friday. Foreign exchange dealers said they suspected the franc would have continued to lose ground had it not been for unconfirmed intervention by the Bank of France in the

On the Paris Bourse, the blue-chip CAC-40 index fell 3 percent, to 1,774.86

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"It couldn't be worse," said Jacques-Antoine Bretteil, assistant director at Leven SA, a Parisian stock brokerage, "Sentiment is very negative and we're just waiting to see if this is all going to lead to a political and monetary crisis."

The cabinet of Prime Minister Alain ! Juppé held an emergency meeting Monday evening to deal with the crisis, but analysts and economists warned that any sign of concessions by the government would

spell disaster to the financial markets. "If they give in, Maastricht is jeop-g ardized," said Jean-François Mercier, chief economist at Salomon Brothers in

The social security reform program unveiled by Mr. Juppé on Nov. 15 is one of the linchpins of France's commitment to reducing its public deficit to less than 3 reent of gross domestic product by 1996 in order to qualify for inclusion in a single currency in 1999.

But as the strike widens to include postal workers, telephone employees, tax collec-

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AGENDA

France to Rejoin

NATO Structures

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — France, in a huge boost to a NATO force for Bosnia,

has decided to rejoin virtually all the al-

liance's military structures, diplomats said

late Monday. Foreign Minister Hervé de

Charette will announce the move Tuesday

at a rare joint session of alliance foreign

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - King

Fahd of Saudi Arabia suffered a stroke

and defense ministers, they said.

Fahd Had a Stroke

Good for Germans, Good for Europe

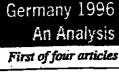
By Joseph Fitchett and Alan Friedman International Herold Tribune

BONN - Germany, so long the nearly unquestioning paymaster and ardent teamplayer in the cause of European integration, is suddenly grappling with the need to balance domestic concerns with its professed faith in greater Europe.

Germany's power, in contrast to Britain and France, is increasingly felt by its neighbors. It springs from the country's fundamental economic strength and from its and Japan as world powers. ability to harness its energies to a single target such as the process of European

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But the new German power, more than anything else, reflects the debate swirling Germany over the European Union's single-currency plan - a commitment that has come to symbolize Europe's bid to stay

in the same league with the United States Other Europeans were rattled last month when leaders in Bonn acknowledged that most ordinary Germans did not want to trade in their Dentsche marks for a European currency. More than just a blow to the once-sacrosanct pro-European consensus among German elites, the episode shattered the taboo against advocating policies

in the name of German national interest. In its wake, the country's leaders quickly took charge of Europe's single-currency debate. And the subsequent acquiescence by Germany's neighbors is delivering to Bonn de facto political primacy over the Continent — power that was accumulated more by default than by design.

Germany's control over the single-currency debate emerged as Finance Minister Theo Waigel demanded that the rest of Europe meet fresh German terms for the new Eurocustency, He insisted that Ger-

many's partners adhere to stringent na-tional deficit standards even after a single currency is launched at the turn of the century. Laggards would pay billions in

The dominant reaction outside Germany was quiet acceptance, with little debate over the way this economic "stability pact" might limit fiscal policy in Paris, Rome, Brussels and elsewhere for years to come.

From now on, said a senior U.S. diplomat in Germany, "there are likely to be more and more occasions when German leaders, often responding to domestic pressures, decide that what is good for Germany is good for Europe.'

In recent interviews, German officials, bankers, businessmen and commentators described a pattern of domestic concerns stemming from economic difficulties, including stubbornly high unemployment (averaging more than 9 percent), looming industrial restructuring, a pending overhaul of the welfare system and the stilldelicate relations between Germany's western and eastern states.

The new pressures at home could make it hard for Chancellor Helmut Kohl to stick to his timetable for closer European integration, especially if labor unrest or an economic slowdown in France stymies Paris-

Trying to sustain an impression of mo-

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became the first person to be indicted in Yitzhak Rabin's murder. Page 6.

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last Thursday, U.S. officials said Monday after a private American medical team flew to the kingdom to assist him.

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Legacy of Discrimination /In Japan, a Sense of Progress

Outcasts Narrowing the Divide

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

YOTO, Japan — A 23-yearold woman had just given birth to her first baby when she learned something devastating about her husband. He was secretly a burakumin, a descendant of outcasts.

So the woman refused to touch her own baby. She returned to her parents' house and abandoned her husband and child forever.

That was a generation ago, in Nagano Prefecture in central Japan, and the incident underscores a legacy of discrimination in Japan. Even today, there is no better way for young Japanese to give their parents heart palpitations than by suggesting a marriage to a burakumin, and most burakumin still live in segregated neighborhoods riven by crime, alcoholism and unemployment

Yet Japan is also remarkable for the progress it has made.
Today almost two-thirds of buraku-

min say in opinion polls that they have never encountered discrimination. About 73 percent now marry nonburakumin, and most dismiss the possibility that Japanese police might treat

burakumin unfairly.

The E-word — Eta, or "much filth," the traditional word for burakumin -has been barished from discourse, so that virtually no Japanese ever uses it.

"I haven't ever encountered discrimination myself," said Masuharu Okuda, a prosperous 53-year-old who was standing outside his dry-cleaning shop in a burakumin neighborhood in Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital.

r. Okuda proudly pointed to his daughter-in-law, a woman in her 20s who was busy ironing shirts in the shop. "My son married a girl from outside the neighborhood, and she moved in here with us," he said. "There've been no

Yet, Japan has not overcome its divide. For if the 3 million burakumin, amounting to a bit more than 2 percent of the population, are now rarely burdened by overt discrimination, they face the same problems as some minority groups in America: disproportionate poverty, high crime rates, low education levels. many single mothers, dependency on welfare benefits and resentment from a public that believes they are getting special help. Indeed, it is striking how similar some of the problems are in both countries. But although the issues are those that Americans associate with race, in Japan the burakumin are not a different race at all.

They are an occupational minority group rather than a racial one. Indistinguishable in appearance from other Japanese, they were discriminated against simply because they were the descendants of leather workers and other outcasts.

To be sure, the differences between American minority groups and the burakumin in Japan are enormous.

'As many comparisons as you can draw, there are that many differences as well," said Karen Hill Anton, a black American writer who has lived in Japan for two decades. "There could be a burakumin right next to you, and you'd never know. What could be more different from blacks?"

Still, there are similarities in the discrimination that both groups have faced. Even today, burakumin sometimes confront a barrier when they enter the mar-riage market, as Hitoshi Takeguchi can

Mr. Takeguchi, a social studies teacher in a high school, fell in love with a nursing student when he was in college, and they decided to get married.
"Her parents locked her up in the

house and wouldn't let her go back to nursing school or meet me again," Mr. Takeguchi recalled. "Her mother cut herself and wrote my girlfriend a letter in blood, pleading not to ever meet me again. She said that if we got married, then my girlfriend's younger sister would be scorned and unable to marry.

The girlfriend was released from her house imprisonment only when she pledged never to meet Mr. Takeguchi again. Then she promptly fled to his

The history of the outcasts may go back more than 1,000 years. For centuries, they performed jobs that were regarded as ritually unclean, such as butchering animals, tanning skins, making leather goods, digging graves and handling corpses.

A related group of outcasts, also ancestors of some of today's burakumin, were hinin or "nonpersons." They were given such tasks as torturing suspects. crucifying Christians and sawing off the heads of criminals for public display.

Outcasts were legally barred from marrying outside their group or from living outside their slums. These slums were called buraku, or hamlets, and that remains the term for a burakumin neighborhood, "Min" means people, so burakumin literally means the "hamlet

The burakumin were not allowed to wear clogs or to fashion their hair in the same way as other Japanese and they were banned from sitting, eating or smoking in the presence of others. Just as the U.S. Constitution decreed that slaves should count as only three-fifths of ordinary people, a Japanese court decreed in 1859 that an Eta was worth only oneseventh of a person.

n Japan, the outcasts were formally emancipated in 1871, but for decades after that they were effectively barred from ordinary jobs or any life outside the slums. Some Japanese shopkeepers so loathed the burakumin that they would wash their coins upon being paid by them.

Such behavior has vanished, but contempt still survives in some households. A university-educated housewife in Tokyo was scandalized when asked if she would allow her daughter to marry a burakumin.

"Never, never, never!" she said. 'Even if she wanted, I could not allow it. They're dirty. And they're not really

Japanese. Yet, attitudes are changing in most families. A housewife in Mie Prefecture noted that the best friend of her teenage son was a burakumin and that this had been a problem until the death of her mother-in-law a couple of years ago. "My mother-in-law was a very good

woman, but she had a terrible prejudice, the housewife said. "So I could never tell her where my son's friend lived, even though he visited us all the time.' Some Japanese say the reason that their

country has made progress with the burakumin is not broad-mindedness, but rather the inability to figure out who is a burakumin. Members of another minority group, ethnic Koreans, are easier to distinguish and, perhaps as a result, Koreans face enormous discrimination in Japan.

Burakumin are not easily identifiable by their jobs, for only a few of them now work in traditional fields like leathermaking. The other big clue to who is a burakumin — an address in a buraku —



min have been pouring out of their neighborhoods while other Japanese have

been moving in. Kenichiro Tatsumi, the head of the Buraku Liberation League in Kobe, said the buraku in which he lives did not have any nonburakumin residents until 1980. "Now half the people who live there are outsiders," he said.

The burakumin are also invisible because there is a virtual taboo on discussing the issue. Newspapers and television stations virtually never mention the word "buraku," partly because bu-raku organizations have sometimes denounced publishers for insensitivity when they have written about buraku issues. "There've been arguments in which

burakumin said some very tough things, and so people became afraid of us," Mr. Tatsumi acknowledged. Most Japanese clam up in horror when the topic is broached, so most young Japanese know far more about discrimination against blacks in America than

Some junior high school students in the town of Omiya, where there are many buraku, looked puzzled when the topic of

about discrimination against burakumin

Physically indistinguishable from other Japanese, a class that is mainly burakumain students lining up outside school in Kyoto. mnyo Asabi/The New York Tienca

"Who are they?" a teenage girl asked. I've never heard of them.

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Even many burakumin students themselves find out only in their midteens that they are burakumin.

"Most parents don't tell their kids," said Masahiro Takino, a city administrator in Kobe. "They say, 'Don't wake a

sleeping baby. Mr. Takino, who is in his 40s, first learned that he was a burakumin in the third grade, when he went to visit a friend. The friend's mother told her son, loud enough for Mr. Takino to hear, never to

play with a boy from a buraku.

In the 1960s, the buraku were immediately recognizable as slums: hovels leaned over tiny alleys, open sewers carried waste water into the rivers, and old people blinded by contagious disease sat hopelessly in the open doorways.

ow that has all changed. A torrent of government investment has improved the burakn so they are no longer slums. Yet, average income for buraku families is still about 60 percent of the national average, and social problems are far more persistent than discrimination. Buraku leaders acknowledge that alcoholism is a disproportionate problem in their communities. Poverty and alcohol,

common in the buraku as in the nation as a whole. Five percent of burakumin are on welfare, seven times the overall rate. Paralleling the debate in the United States about intelligence among races, a 35-year-old study in Japan found that buraku children had lower IQs than nonburaku children in the same public schools. But in Japan it is impossible to

in turn, weaken the family in the buraku.

Single parents are almost twice as

argue that this is a racial difference, since both groups are of the same race. Scholars say the differences reflect general apathy and lack of self-esteem, a result of discrimination and contempt from society as a whole.

In the field of education, burakumin have made stunning progress. But they also remain stunningly behind. Truancy rates in elementary school in 1960 were 12 times as high for buraku children as for others. Now they are twice as high.

Burakumin have almost caught up with their peers in the proportion who graduate from high school, but only about 24 percent go to college, compared with 40 percent of other Japanese.

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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Politics Imperils Shield for Amazon

By Gabriel Escobar Vashington Post Service

BRASILIA — Brazil's ambitious urveillance system for the Amazon, a \$1.4 billion project designed to shield one of the least protected regions in the world, is tangled in a controversy that could have broad consequences for both the plan itself has favorable financing and is viewed by Gilberto Miranda, who endorses two lessand its American contractor, the Raytheon

The project is designed to maintain a watch on the tropical rain forest with fixed and airborne radars and other monitoring devices. Called the Integrated Amazon Vigilance System and shortened here to officials. Sivam, it would give Brazil an important measure of control over the vast and vul- eliminating a radar blind spot for comnerable Amazon region in what is seen as a mercial airlines and the policing of illegal high-tech solution to an age-old concern drug flights, which are virtually impossible over national sovereignty.

But with questions and accusations emerging daily from two separate legislative hearings, there are signs that the administration of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso may be moving toward voiding the contract with Raytheon because of allegations of influence-peddling. The controversy already has forced the

resignation of three government officials. Some observers here said Mr. Cardoso's call for a meeting this week of the National Defense Council, which includes the presidents of the senate and the lower house of the National Congress along with military commanders, could be a step toward voiding the contract. That would be intended ence-peddling. Although Raytheon's conboth to save the overall project and to avoid tract cleared the most difficult fourdles

legislature" even though Mr. Cardoso personally supports the Raytheon contract. The Massachusetts company's system

many as the most comprehensive proposal. costly systems, had tied up the approval of It also is clearly the most expensive. Any a new subcontractor. That obstacle became intense international competition — as preferred by some legislators - would be a protocol, Julio César Gomes dos Santos, major setback to Raytheon and Brazilian and a representative of Raytheon, José Al-

to track now. The system also could prove an invaluable environmental tool, capable of monitoring illegal logging and mining, forest burning and even incursions into indigenous reserves.

But with a price tag of at least \$1.4 billion, the project has unleashed all sorts of machinations. Early on, Sivam created a diplomatic incident when it was alleged that the CIA had information that one of Raytheon's chief rivals, the French defense contractor Thomson-CSF was offering payments to increase its chances of being awarded the contract.

what could be a costly political battle. . . . when it was ratified by the Brazilian Con-A U.S. official warned that the project gress in November 1994, a problem earlier was in "deep trouble politically in the subcontractors sent the project back to Congress for another vote.

Opposition from an influential senator, fonso Assumpçao. The two discussed the

force minister, Brigadier Maura Granda, spent two days at the Raytheon representative's home, which led to the minister's resignation.

Mr. Cardoso's aides have since tried to quell the crisis by saying that there is no evidence that compromises the Sivam project itself, but the warfare that characterizes Brazilian politics has not let the issue die. Last week, Mr. Miranda said that radars that were to have been provided by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation would be supplied by the Lockheed Martin Corporation. With a Senate panel promising to The current crisis began with the release review the full Sivam system, this could of taped conversations that hint at influ-further undermine Raytheon's position.

TRAVEL UPDATE

France Enters 2d Week of Strike

PARIS (Reuters) - France headed into its second full week of strikes over government austerity and welfare reform Monday, with the transport stoppage spreading to other sectors. Following are the main disruptions caused Monday or expected later this

RAIL - Almost no trains were scheduled for the 11th successive day. Eurostar ran restricted train service between Paris, Brussels and London on the Eurotunnel link.

ROAD — The Paris-region expressway network was saturated as the strike left commuters without Métro or bus services for a decision to reopen the selection process to a crisis with the release of a taped conseventh day. There was no bus service in Bordeaux. The govversation between the president's chief of ermment began chartering 1,700 private buses to transport up to 100,000 Paris commuters free, but the substitute system was not expected to be fully operational until Tuesday. The Communist-led CGT union urged Paris taxi drivers to strike as of Tuesday. The Sivam's proclaimed benefits include senator's opposition, with Mr. Gomes at Force Ouvrière union called on truck drivers to go on a national

one point asking Mr. Assumpçao if he knew "how much" the senator wanted.

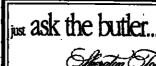
The tanes also reveal that Brazil's air airports, Charles de Gaulle and Orly, to go on strike as of Monday. Cabin crews at Air France and domestic airline Air Inter were expected to go on a 24-hour strike Thursday.

> An Israeli aircraft from the state-owned airline El Al has made the first direct flight from Israel to Morocco, a Moroccan official said in Rabat on Monday. The flight, between Tel Aviv and Marrakech, was to lay the groundwork for regular air links, he

> A blaze at the Brussels North train station early on Monda seriously disrupted railroad traffic in the Belgian capital, and all trains to and through the mainline station were diverted. There were no serious injuries.

> European airlines' passenger traffic grew 9.1 percent in October, the Association of European Airlines reported Monday. The highest passenger growth was on North Atlantic routes, at 11.6 percent, while Far East traffic also showed strong growth of 10.2 percent.

An outbreak of yellow fever in Liberia has afflicted 365 people and killed nine of them, health officials said Monday. The outbreak is centered in the east coast city of Buchanan, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) outside the capital.



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Minnesota Caps Crazy Horse Brew The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minnesota - Heeding protests from American Indian groups, Minnesota has officially banned the sale of Crazy Horse Malt

Unofficially, the ban will not be enforced immediately because G. Heileman Brewing Company and the Hornell Brewing Company. which produce the malt liquor, have indicated they will appeal, said Kevin Burns, spokesman for the Public Safety Department.

The malt liquor, which is available in about

40 states, has already been banned in Wash-

ington and Nebraska. Many American Indians are offended by the use of the revered, 19th-century Sioux leader's name on a beer label, especially because he opposed alcohol consumption and predicted devastating consequences for his people if they drank.

The estate of Crazy Horse, administered by Seth Big Crow Sr. of Rosebud, South Dakota. has opposed using the brand name for the malt liquor since it went on the market in 1992.

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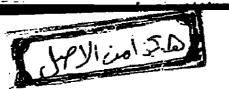
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By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

LINCOLN PARK, Michigan -This state may be known for automobiles, soul music and Big Ten football, but it also has an impressive record as a political mirror. For decades, the vote for president in prevail to be re-elected. Michigan has been nearly identical to that of the entire nation.

special note of a small renaissance for President Bill Clinton here. He is enjoying newfound popularity in the state, interviews with politicians, acailly state, and state acailly state, and state acailly state, acailly state, and state acailly state, and state acailly state, and state acailly state, acailly sta demics and voters, as well as the latest EPIC/MRA, respondents in Michigan opinion polls, suggest

A whimsical sign of the president's vote gave the president a 52 percent rising acceptability was a bumper positive rating, while giving the Resticker proclaiming, "Clinton! At publican Congress only 34 percent. Least He Cares," instead of the more familiar, "Impeach Clinton."

Mr. Clinton's standing in Michigan, Governor John M. Engler, a conser-helps the little person."

a racially mixed microcosm with varive Republican, swept to re-election last year and helped elect Spencer the automobile industry has bounced Mr. Perot in 1992, has recently become indication of how he is doing else-senator in 16 years. where. Michigan, which the president won in 1992 with 44 percent of the with Mr. Clinton better demonstrated

"For the first time since December of 1992, the majority of Michigan vot- Once overwhelmingly Democratic, That is why politicians are taking ers say Clinton is doing a good job -

who described themselves as likely to

These findings are all the more significant because this is a state where want to do away with everything that

culture, is important not only as an Abraham, the state's first Republican

vote, is also a pivotal state where than in this working-class enclave in White House officials say he must the "downriver" area south of Detroit, established as home to antomobile workers in the 1930s and '40s.

> Democrats are for senior citizens and Medicare," said Dominic Mazzola, 72, a retired steam engineer, who added that while he "could go either way" he expected to back Mr. Clinton next year. "The way I read it, the Republicans

back. Unlike last year when the pres- a Clinton booster. ident seemed to get no credit for the grudging pat on the back.

But the president's support is all the It took a lot of guts. more striking because of the enormous popularity of Mr. Engler, whose pro- ing concern about Michigan is that the grams are widely credited as an in-Republican National Committee last spiration for Newt Gingrich's economic and welfare proposals. Many voters time on television in the state to run a were disdainful of the Republicans in Washington, but not of the governor.

Just off the day shift, Chuck Inman, an electrician from Ford, explained that ancing the budget. he backed Mr. Perot but may well vote for Mr. Clinton this time.

the Republicans on the budget.

Bruno Bucca, 49, the owner of a are nervous — and they should be."

'He's the most underrated preseconomic recovery, voters here now ident we've had in years," he said. He seem willing to give him at least a added, "I like that he stands for what he believes in - like with the budget.

> One sign of the Republicans' growweek bought additional advertising commercial that ridicules Mr. Clinton as only offering what the announcer describes as "double talk" about bal-

'They've decided that Clinton is just doing too well in the polls compared to "He's starting to look better," Mr. where they thought they had him a year Imman said. "He's looking more like a or wo ago," said William S. Ballenger, president. I'm glad he's standing up to editor of Inside Michigan Pallicia, a nonpartisan newsletter. "Republicans

No Matching Funds for Hopefuls

WASHINGTON - The federal government will not have enough cash on hand in January to pay presidential candidates the matching campaign funds to which they are entitled — the first time since the matching fund system was set up that there will be such a shortfall.

The matching funds, critical financial fuel for the primary campaigns, are supposed to begin flowing to the candidates in January. The presidential candidates filed their latest monthly matching fund requests with the Federal Election Commission last week, and they show that the government will be about \$15 million short of the necessary cash to fulfill those requests when it starts to pay the matching funds next month.

But the campaigns say the shortfall, though annoying, will cause them little practical difficulty because they will be able to take out bank loans in anticipation of receiving the matching funds and otherwise stretch out their available cash until

Health-Care Talks Are Lagging

WASHINGTON - Less than two weeks before the next budget deadline, President Bill Clinton and Congress have yet to begin discussion of compromises on Medicaid or Medicare, issues that are essential to reaching a budget accord.

The shape of the nation's health policy is at the heart of the debate between the White House and the Republicans. After a week of fruitless sessions, the two sides are expected to return to the table on Tuesday, just 10 days before the expiration of

the government's temporary authority to spend money. There can be no deal without some grand compromise on Medicaid and Medicare, the health programs for the poor and the elderly, which are growing much faster than the budget as a whole, Thirty-seven percent of the savings the Republicans seek to balance the budget by 2002 come from those two programs, which many conservatives see as dinosaurs from the Great Society.

Steve Forbes Runs on Dole's Heels

NEW YORK - When Malcolm S. Forbes Jr., chief executive of Forbes Inc. and editor in chief of Forbes magazine, announced on Sept. 22 that he would seek the Republican nomination for president, few people had even heard of the self-effacing and somewhat shy 48-year-old candidate.

Forbes, known as Steve, had never been elected to public office, though he gained attention as the architect of Governor Christine Todd Whitman's tax-cutting program in New Jersey. And for years, as a rising executive in the family publishing business, he was overshadowed by his flamboyant motorcycle-riding father, Malcolm, who died in 1990.

Although hardly a household name, Steve Forbes is now in second place, behind Senator Bob Dole, in polls in New Hampshire and Iowa. Mr. Forbes's rise from obscurity is credited to the \$7 million of his personal fortune that he has spent so far on television and radio advertising in pivotal states. He is now trying to get on the ballot in New York.

As he traverses the country calling for a flat tax and term limits, Mr. Forbes is eminently recognizable to readers of Forbes, where he has long propounded his views. He continues to write his Fact & Comment column for the bimonthly magazine, though he has turned over his other corporate duties to his brother Timothy for the duration of the cam-

Quote /Unquote

Senator Alan Simpson, the Wyoming Republican, a media critic who is retiring after 18 years in the Senate: "The media is the only unaccountable branch of society. All the rest of us are held accountable Yet any challenge to or criticism of them is eternally met by drawing the now-tattered cloak of the First Amendmentabent their hunched shoulders, or crying into the wind about 'the chilling effect.' 'i

Court Lets U.S. Set **Airline Work Limits** Ruling Cites Safety Needs

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Monday let the federal government limit the duration of airline flight attendants' work shifts and re-

tween flights. The court, without comment, turned away a Minneapolisbased charter airline's challenge to Federal Aviation Administration rules that are to

take effect Feb. 1. The Federal Aviation Act authorizes the agency to promote work hours for pilots and other airline employees.

Two flight attendants' unions sought limits on their members' work hours in 1985. tem But the agency refused to issue flight attendants' work hours abusive. The Supreme Court posed a risk to passengers.

After a federal study on the subject, an agency official sold lawmakers in 1991 that flight attendants' fatigue did not harm to delay the execution in hopes

passengers' safety.

The agency decided to passed; sider the matter, and in 1994 a issued a rule limiting flight attendants' work shifts on dones. tic flights to 14 hours. Airlines --- Among the other decisions can exceed the limit by adding more attendants to a flight.

The agency also required a after work shifts of up to 14 hours, and a minimum 12 hours' rest after shifts of more than 14 hours. Airlines also can satisfy the rule by imposing on flight attendants the stricter rest requirements that apply to other crew members.

The rules did not take effect while the legal challenge was pursued.

Sun Country Airlines, a charter airline based in Minneapolis, had challenged the rules in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of

In another case, the high court used the unusual case of a last-minute appeal by a Georgia death row immate to debate setting new limits on the rights of state prisoners' right to challenge their convictions in federai court.

The lawyer for Larry Grant Lonchar, a triple killer, said be should be allowed to pursue his

sisted relatives' earlier appeals on his behalf.

The prosecutor, Mary Beth such an appeal could be disquire minimum rest periods bemissed even though it was Mr. Lonchar's first trip to federal

> "He's had his chance" to pursue his appeal earlier, she

The Constitution gives state immates the right to seek federal count help if they claim their thorizes the agency to promote state prosecutions in some way air safety by setting maximum violated their federally protected rights. However, the court ruled in 1991 that repeated federal appeals generally must be dismissed as an abuse of the sys-

such a rule, saying in 1989 that whether an inmate's first fedthere was no evidence that eral appeal can be dismissed as delayed Mr. Lonchar's execution until it issues a decision,

expected by July.

Mr. Lonchar said he wanted that a new law would be en-acted allowing him to be ex-ecuted by injection instead of electrocution so his organs

* The court refused to shield The National Biographer from havminimum nine-hour rest period ing to defend itself against an invasion of privacy lawsuit by the actor Eddie Murphy's illemeson and the boy's moth-

> The justices, without comment, lef stand ratings that said a California jury should decide shether the tabloid newspaper's accurate report was legally massailable.

> otado's attempt to deny Medicaid-funded abortions for wornen impregnated by rape or ment, let stand a roling that forces states taking part in the federal Medicaid program to pay for abortions sought by financially eligible women who are the victims of rape or incest.

lawyer to celebrities, who arappeal, even though Mr. Lon-char filed it as his execution term of two and a half years. to take advantage of cheap la-dents have little to give, and the maquiladoras are required to



Chacaraseka, amid windblown volcanic ash from the recent eruption of the nearby Cerro Negro volcano. The weeklong eruption, which ended on Saturday, spewed tons of ash, destroying crops and unsettling the villagers.

Coping With Success in Ciudad Juárez

Foreign Firms 'Kill Us With Work,' but That's Good

By Sam Dillon

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico sists the temptation. Fast food is way beyond her means. A Big Mac, medium Coke

and fries cost \$3.05, and for million residents. Miss Serratos, who earns 35 cents an hour wrapping tape around bundles of electrical wires in one of Juárez's assem-

What people in your coun-The court rejected Colwhole day for," Miss Serratos, 32, said to an American visitor during a recent family gathering in one of Ciudad Juárez's dirt-street suburbs. "These companies from the United States and Japan don't pay people what they ought to. They come to kill us with work." Then she paused, reflecting.

"But we have to recognize that they're important for Juárez." • It rejected an appeal by Marvin Mitchelson, a divorce goed that his failure to report mostly foreign-owned assemnearly \$2 million income on his bly plants, called maquiladoras, that have set up operations federal tax returns was an hon-

Like Miss Serratos, six of her

daily rhythm of the assembly plants, which employ more than 150,000 of Juárez's 1.2

The city is growing fast, and Juárez's 40-year-old mayor, Ramón Galindo, who belongs to the pro-business National bly plants, that is a full day's Action Party, says he hopes to attract still more maquiladoras to Juárez. But he also said the payers earn the minimum wage of about \$18 a week, or not much more, is a critical problem for the city.

We're creating an enormous mass of wretchedly poor people," he said.

Mexico's minimum wage, which varies from region to region, was to increase by 10 percent this week, bringing Juárez's minimum up to about Over the last 25 years, 310 \$20 a week. The increase comes after a 30 percent decline in

Mexican wages this year. Because most Juárez resi-

come to dominate life in this give little, the city raises only ship in Mexico's social security sand-blown city across the Rio meager tax revenues, Mr. system, which provides low-Grande from El Paso, Texas. Galindo said. cost medical care, and another

- Sometimes Ana Serratos siblings work in maquiladoras, the money going to come from cessible home loans. Mr. de la panses outside a McDonald's and there are thousands of other to provide services for all these Rosa said he also gets five days restaurant in Justicez, but she re- families that also march to the people?" Mr. Galindo said. of vacation each year, with his Other challenges confront

the city. Juárez's working-class sections, where many residents already must buy their drinking water by the jug from tank trucks, now sprawl across the desert horizon, and the water is running out. Along a potholed track off

the main highway near the Juárez airport, five young men. try make in an hour, we work a fact that a vast majority of tax- all maquiladora employees, were repairing a car. Their wages, they said, ranged from 68 cents an hour, which Gerardo Hernández earns for punching holes in electric motor covers, to the \$1.06 an hour Ivan Villanueva makes as a maintenance mechanic in a seat-cover factory. Theirs were good jobs, they said.

man in an appliance repair plant, listed the benefits of maquiladora where it you have a problem at work, people try to belp you out with the boss."

cost medical care, and another "Our problem is, where is government agency extends ac-\$37-a-week salary paid.

Two miles away in another working-class enclave, seven of the Serratos siblings were listening from the edges of their father's cramped living room as Ana talked about life in the maquiladoras. The smell of sausage and chiles wafted from the kitchen, and Ana's brother Jorge, 24, poured the beer.

Jorge said that as a fork-lift driver in a plant he earned 53 cents an hour, more than a mere assembly line worker. A visitor asked whether then

were unions in Juárez. 'What's a union?''

asked. A brother-in-law, Ramon López, helped out. "That's a situation where if you have a

Workers qualify for member- anything like that," Jorge said.

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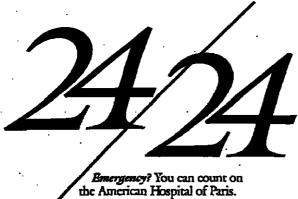
Away From Politics Organizers of the Million Man March are planning another gathering in Washington, but this will be a Million Family March, says one of the organizers. The Million Man March brought out a spirit of unity in the black community that was unequaled," the Reverend Benjamin Chavis, former director of the NAACP, said after giving a sermon at First Iconium Baptist Church in Atlanta. "It was natural that we try to build out that a process." He said plans were for black

to build on that success." He said plans were for black families around the world to take part through simultaneous marches and satellite hookups on Oct. 16, 1996. (AP) A Selvation Army bell ringer belped chase a purse snatcher three blocks and recover the booty when the man

tripped. James F. Wagner was standing outside a department store in Huntington, West Virginia, collecting for charity when someone snatched a woman's purse as she got into a cab with her packages. "You see a lady in her 60s or 70s who's had her purse stolen and she's crying," he said. "I think anybody would've tried to help her."

· Forces refusing to give up the ship have saved the aircraft carrier Homes from the scrap heap, at least for now. It was due to be broken up last mooth, but veterans, history buffs and others sought an injunction to save it, and last week the U.S. Navy called it off. "We determined it was the right thing to do," said Captain Gordon Peterson, spokesman for the Naval Sea Systems Command in Virginia. The ship will probably cnier the navy's donation program, where any eligible group

 Investigators have recommended nine charges — including four of indecers assault, two of simple assault and one of drunk and disorderly conduct — against a navy cook who allegedly groped a 23-year-old female third-class petry officer about a commercial antine flight from Virginia to California. At a session comparable to a civilian pretrial hearing, navy officials will consider the recommendations to determine if there is enough evidence to proceed against Chief Petry Officer George Powell, 49. (AP)



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Wife of a Marine on Trial In Rape Case Apologizes

'Very Sorry,' She Tells Okinawa Court

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

TOKYO — The wife of one trial for the rape of a 12-yearold Okinawan girl in September apologized to the victim and her parents Monday despite her husband's testimony in the same courtroom that he is an innocent man whose confes-

sion was coerced. 'I am very sorry for the behavior of my husband to the Japanese girl, her mother and father, and to the people of Japan and the U.S. Marines Corps," Denitrease Harp told the three-judge panel that will decide the fate of her husband, Private First Class Rodrico Harp, 21, of the Marine Corps. Mrs. Harp, 24, who flew

from the United States to be with her husband, remained composed on the witness stand but began sobbing as soon as she stepped down. Her husband listened to her testimony with his head buried in his hands.

Private Harp pleaded guilty last month to conspiring to rape the girl, although he denied having raped her. In court Monday, he said U.S. military investigators who first questioned him about the Sept. 4 incident pressured him into saying that he was guilty, which was "what the Japanese would like to hear.`

'When I told them what did happen, they pressured me to go in another direction." Private Harp testified in District Court in the Okinawan capital of Naha. His statements to military investigators from the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service were turned over to the Japanese police, who say he confessed to the charges against him during their questioning.

Ambassador Walter F. Mondale said in Tokyo that he had erced. He said that rather than pressuring them to confess,

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Life" sounds appealing from its title alone. Yet Nicholas

Rescher, a philosophy profes-sor at the University of Pitts-

burgh, reminds us here that

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He acknowledged, however, that the suspects did not have a lawyer present during questioning by the Japanese police. Japanese police may hold and question suspects for up to 23 days with virtually no access to an attorney.

The attack on the girl, who was on her way home when she was abducted and raped, began as a local issue and has ended up causing a deep rift between Japan and the United States.

Most Okinawans have long been fed up with being host to more than 29,000 of the 45,000 U.S. troops in Japan. Governor Masahide Ota and many other Okinawans say that the Americans are a chronic source of crime and that Okinawa bears an inordinate share of the U.S. military presence in East Asia. Private Harp, of Griffin, Georgia.; another Marine

Corps private first class,

taken steps to ensure that the Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Georgia, and a Navy sea-man. Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, all pleaded guilty to involvement in the abduction on the first day of their

Seaman Gill admitted to having raped the girl, while Private Harp and Private Ledet admitted to having participated in the abduction, but not in the actual

After that first court date, the suspects' families suggested at a news conference in Atlanta that the men were being unfairly treated because they are black.

The families also said that the men were innocent and that they were being denied due pro-cess in the Japanese judicial

In Okinawa, lawyers hired by the families now say that the relatives spoke before they understood all the facts, that they are confident the men are getting a fair trial and that race is



Mothers and wives of the U.S. servicemen on trial in Okinawa leaving the courtroom wounds of Kwangju, still one of

As Inquiry Widens, Seoul Is Questioning. Generals of 270 ~

SEOUL — A day after jailing a former president, South ger a major political reorgani-Korean prosecutors began questioning former army gen-erals suspected of helping him

seize power in a 1979 coup. Roh Jae Hyon, a former defense minister, was among sevin Monday. Prosecutors said other former generals would be summoned this week.

Chun Doo Hwan, president from 1980 to 1988, was arrested Sunday on charges of violating the military criminal code by staging an internal coup 16 years

ago that led him to power. The coup was followed by a savage crackdown on anti-government protesters in the southem city of Kwangju several months later. At least 240 people were killed and more than 1,800 others wounded.

The six insurrection charges filed against Mr. Chun call for the death penalty, although it is unlikely to be imposed.

His arrest reopened the

The group also demanded that Japan pay compensation to those victims still alive. One

of the nuns said they would continue to protest

until their demands were met. Cardinal

Stephen Kim of South Korea wrote early this

year to Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama of

Japan to complain about Tokyo's stance on the

issue. Japan has announced plans to create a

butions from the Japanese public, to com-

Kights Envoy in Jakarta

JAKARTA — The United Nations high

commissioner for human rights, José Ayala

Lasso, urged Indonesia on Monday to

strengthen its government-appointed national

human rights commission to increase its ef-

donesia and East Timor, said after meeting

with members of Jakarta commission that he

hoped it could be a "model of dynamism, efficacy and action."

sary on Dec. 7 of Indonesia's invasion of East

Timor. The United Nations still regards Por-

tugal as the region's administrator. (Reuters)

His visit coincides with the 20th anniver-

Mr. Ayala Lasso, on a six-day visit to In-

the country's most divisive is-

His immediate successor, Roh Tae Woo, who also is implicated in the Kwangju massacre, was arrested last month on unrelated charges. He aleral former army leaders called legedly took bribes from businesses for a \$650 million slush fund he operated during his 1988-93 term.

After the Kwangju crackdown, Mr. Chun was widely rumored to have forced a figurchead president to step down so he could take over. Prosecutors did not disclose

what they had asked Roh Jac Hyon, who is unrelated to the former president. They said he was asked to testify whether he was forced to support the coup. Pro-Chun groups briefly ar-rested the retired four-star gen-

eral during the coup. Rumors persist that he was set free after making some kind of deal. Also questioned Monday was a retired army brigadier

general who sided with Mr. Chun and Roh Tae Woo. He allegedly lured rival generals to a party so they could not oppose the coup.

Roh Tae Woo, who succeed-

ed Mr. Chun, has embroiled the administration of the existing president, Kim Young Sam, in his slush fund scandal. He said he simply followed the longstanding practice of his predecessors in receiving "donations" from businesses, which he said were used for his ruling party and other purposes.

An opposition leader, Kim Dae Jung, has admitted he re-ceived \$2.5 million from Roh Tae Woo for his failed 1992

presidential campaign.

During a rally Sunday, he contended — without giving clear evidence — that Mr. Roh gave President Kim \$390 million for his election campaign. The president, who took office in 1993, has denied this.

President Kim, a former dissident, joined the ruling camp established by Mr. Chun and Mr. Roh — in a three-party merger in 1990 and later won its presidential nomination.

There were conflicting re-ports over whether Mr. Chun, arrested and detained in Anyang Prison on Sunday, was cooperating with the inquiry into the coup that helped turn him from an ambitious young of-ficer into president in 1980.

State television reported that general commanding troops on the North Korean border, re-fused to admit the 1979 action was a coup. It said Mr. Roh told prosecutors the coup was an "accident" during an investigation into the assassination of President Park Chung Hee in October 1979. (AP, Reuters)

Clinton's Japan Trip: 'Maybe April'

TOKYO - President Bill Clinton, who canceled a visit to Japan last month because of the budget crisis, probably will be unable to reschedule the trip before April, Ambassador Walter F. Mondale said Monday.

My guess is now that it will be in the spring, maybe sometime in April, although a date has not yet been set," the U.S. ambassador said.

Mr. Clinton, citing the need to deal with a domestic budget crisis, last month abruptly canceled his planned appearance at a meeting of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum leaders in Osaka along with a sumno reason to believe that the suspects' confessions were co-Minister Tomiichi Murayama

explored? Certainly we already

know, as Rescher reminds us,

that "Success or failure in sit-

uations of competition and con-

flict often hinges on matters of

that "There is enormous scope

Eventually, Rescher does

wend his way to the slightly less

obvious conclusion that life

without luck would be unbear-able for humans. "Our psycho-logical and emotional condition is such that we would not want

to live in a preprogrammed world, a world where the rest of

our fate and future is preor-

dained and indeed predis-

cernible in the realities of the

present," he writes. "Even at the price of falling victim to

chance and haphazard, we yearn

termination of the past."

With his wordily prosaic style enough to arrive at this con-

for novelty and innovation, for a

Further pitfalls of luck be-

for luck in warfare.'

his November visit due to fears that he would have to apologize repeatedly for the rape in September of a Japanese school-

A U.S. serviceman has admitted raping the 12-year-old, and two others have admitted involvement in the crime. They are now on trial and will return to court for another hearing Monday. The rape on the island of Okinawa, where most of the U.S. military presence in Japan is concentrated, sparked public outrage and raised doubts about the U.S.-Japan security al-

The Kyodo news agency, citing Japanese government sources, said that Mr. Clinton "I really don't think he had had canceled the summit meet- a question for the Japanese gov U.S. military authorities had any choice," Mr. Mondale said. ing after U.S. intelligence ser-

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He denied a Japanese news re-port that Mr. Clinton had put off House that the visit might be dominated by expressions of

contrition about the rape. Referring to the report, Mr. Mondale said: "I want you to know there is absolutely nothing to that. This was driven entirely by the budget crisis."

He said the two governments had stepped up efforts to resolve the problems surrounding Okinawa's demands for the eventual removal of the U.S. bases from the island.

Mr. Mondale said the United States was working to ensure that its military personnel in Okinawa were "good neigh-

But he added that the issue of redistributing U.S. forces to elsewhere in Japan was "really

India Feels Neglected

NEW DELHI — Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee of India bluntly criticized a group of Asian and European nations for leaving New Delhi out of a summit meeting early next

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private fund, made up of voluntary contri-"How could you hold an Asian summit without taking India into it, a country with the second largest population in the world?" Mr. Mukherjee asked. "It is almost like playing Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark.

Mr. Mukherjee was referring to the first summit meeting of Asian and European leaders to be held March 1-2 in Bangkok. Asia will be represented by the seven members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam—as well as China, Japan and South Korea. Europe will be represented by the 15 member states of the European Union.

Sukarno Kin Promoted

JAKARTA — The son-in-law of President Subarto of Indonesia was promoted Monday to head the country's special forces, the Antara

news agency reported.

Antara said that the son-in-law, Brigadier General Prabowo Subianto, 43, was installed by the army chief-of-staff, General Raden Hartono, at a ceremony at the headquarters of the 3,000-strong special forces in Jakarta. 'Prabowo is the best from all the can-

Nuns Take On Japan

SEOUL -- More than 1,000 nuns on Monday marched to the Japanese Embassy in Seoul to protest Tokyo's refusal to apologize formally to women forced to serve as "sex slaves" during World War II.

VOICES From Asia

Sohn Hak Kyu, spokesman for the governing Democratic Liberal Party in South Korea, on the arrest of former President Chun 1979 coup: "This is a measure to rectify the

Lee Teng-hui, the president of Taiwan, saying the island will never reunify with an undemocratic China; "We absolutely cannot accept the Chinese Communists' claim that we are a local government."

COLOMBO --- A time bomb planted by Sri Lankan Tamil Tiger guerrillas demolished the main administration building in Jaffna on Monday as troops mopped up resistance in the former rebel stronghold, defense

"Terrorists had set up an explosive device inside the administration building in Jaffna town," a military spokesman said. "One side of the building collapsed as a result of an explosion.

He said there were no ca-sualties in the blast, which occurred as the government preto the battle-scarred northern

Troops worked to flush out remaining Liberation Tigers of mines and booby traps planted to delay their advance and inflict maximum casualties, of-

On Sunday, troops raised the national flag over the Jaffna Fort, an ancient Dutch citadel that was the army's headquarters before it pulled out of the town five years ago.

The guerrillas' Voice of Tigers radio, monitored in the for legalized gambling come front-line town of Vavuniya, movement, Goodman found, tance and booby traps had

searching for arms caches that the rebels were suspected to cumb, they must begin to be- have left in Jaffna for use later for accidental offenses such as have like bad poker players by infiltrators, military officials They said the military was

Savage North Korean System Described

By Teresa Watanabe Los Angeles Times Service

SEOUL --- Kang Chol Hwan was 15 years old when, he says, he was first forced to participate in a stoning at a North Korean political prisoner camp. He was plagued with nightmares for

An Hyok tried to kill himself three times rather than bear the brutai labor, savage beatings and starvation that drove him and other inmates to dig out undigested kernels of corn from animal dung, he says.

The stories locked in the memory of An Myong Chol are largely unprintable: The former prison guard details atrocious executions that defy the magination. Can these tales of terror and torture in Communist North Korea, possibly be true? North Korea vehemently says no. Amnesty International, the hu-

man rights group, says the sto-ries are impossible to confirm. An Myong Chol says he worked at a camp as a guard and driver for eight years; An Hyok, says he was imprisoned for three years after an unauthorized trip to China; and Mr. Kang, says he and his family were confined for a decade after his grandfather was charged with betrayal and

presumed executed. They are the only known escapees from North Korea's concentration camps, according to South Korean security officials, who arranged a recent six-hour interview with them.

The three men paint a chilling picture of inmates imprisoned spilling ink on pictures of the late "Great Leader" Kim Il Sung. Prisoners are forced to perform back-breaking labor hanling coal, mining gold or harvesting timber on a handful of com and

salt every day, they say. They wondered, 'Are they human or say the captives endure vicious beatings for acts such as trying to years of hearing such talk, you eat prison guards' garbage; An become numb.'
Hyok is disfigured, with a broken nose, bad back and broken believed to open

Defector's Tales of Camp Terror

front teeth. Those deemed rehabilitated — such as An Hyok and Mr. Kang — are released. The two friends say they escaped together through China after their re-lease and defected to South Ko-

But those sent to "maximum-security area" - spies, religious figures, collaborators with the Japanese or others who have become unforgivable ide-

The most important machine that supports Kim Jong Il is the concentration camps.'

ological enemies of the Pyongyang regime — are con-demned for life, deemed too worthless even for bullets, said An Myong Chol, the former driver. Instead, they face starvation and disease or excruciating death through medical experiments or sadistic games by prison guards,

'Once you start killing people, you develop a certain pleasure and brag about it," said An.
Myong Chol, 26, who asserts that he worked at the camps from 1986 to September 1994 before escaping through China and seeking political asylum in Seoul in October.

"At first, the shock was so great I felt my heart drop and I

The Communist regime is believed to operate at least five camps imprisoning 200,000 men, women and children. "The most important govern-

ment machine that supports Kim Jong II is the concentration camps," said Cho Gab Je, editor of the Monthly Chosun magazine. "Every North Korean has the fear that if he commits even some small mistake, or criticizes communism or Kim's leadership, he can be sent to the concentration camps without a trial.

That fear makes them obey."
Three generations of a family are often imprisoned for the crimes of one member, the three defectors said.

Almost all immates suffer nutritional deficiency diseases, causing their skin to peel. Benumbed by misery, many be-come like animals, driven only by the survival instinct, the de-

fectors said. As a driver and guard, An Myong Chol admitted to beating some immates, although executions were performed by the military security officers. He said he sometimes discovered corpses bearing marks of terrible torture, including mutila-tions. He said officers he charffeured often bragged of their exploits. Trained that immates

are not human, guards used them for target practice.

Since arriving in Seoul, the three men have tried to tell their story but say they are met with disbelief or skepticism. Amnesty International, for instance, does not accept testi-South because it may be tained by extensive contacts with security officials here.

CHESS

By Robert Byrne

NICK DeFinnian beat Robert Hübner in the 32d Rubintein Memorial tournament. One reason for selecting the Steinitz Variation against the rench Defense, 4 e5 and 5 f4. s to avoid the exchanges that an follow from 4 Bg5 de 5 Ne4 3e7. After 5...c5 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 3e3, however, the popularity of '...Qb6 8 Na4 Qa5 9 c3 cd 10 4! Nb4 11 cb Bb4 12 Bd2 Bd2 3 Nd2 has declined. Thus, 3...g5 14 Rb1 gf 15 Bb5 Rb8 6 Nc5 Qc3 17 Nd3 yields Vhite good prospects for a win-ing consolidation. And in this ne, avoiding violence with
...c4 lets White get a fine game
rith 10 b4! Qc7 11 Be2. Attention shifted to 7...cd 8

ld4 Qb6, but after 9 Ncb5 æ6! 0 Nf5 Bc5! 11 Nbd6 Kf8 12 h5 Nd8 13 Ng7 Be3 14 Ne6! : 15 Qh6 Kg8 16 Qg5 Kf8, lacks draws. DeFirmian es-

Na7, which gives White a superior endgame. Also, in this line, 14...Ba3?! 15 Nd5!? Qd2 16 Kd2 ed 17 Ra3 a6 18 f5!? gives White a promising attack for the pawn: 18...O-O? 19 e6! fe 20 fe Nf6 21 e7 Re8 22 Bf6



wrong at once with the smash-But after 18...gf 19 ef O-O 20 Rg3! Kh8 21 Qh6 Rg8 22 Rg7!, Hilbner could not play 22...Nf6

because 23 Rh7! mates.

Consequences and Broken number of states authorizing Promises of America's Gam-casinos to operate rose to 23 Promises of America's Gamfrom 2, and the total yearly casino revenues went to \$15 billion

Goodman, who teaches environmental design and planfrom \$8 billion. ning at Hampshire College, was director of the U.S. Gambling Study, and the results of that survey of legalized gambling as a strategy for economic development inform his well-reapete with an existing developed

• Ellen Dorsch, internation-

al projects director of Planned

Parenthood of Northern New

Verghese's "My Own Country:

A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDs."
"A bittersweet portrayal of a

medical practice in the Deep South where both the doctor

and the patients are trying to define home and community." (Charlotte Sector, IHT)

Further pitfalls of luck be-come evident in Robert Good-man's new book, "The Luck pressed communities. As a rethat little about it remains to be Business: The Devastating sult, between 1988 and 1994 the

liberation from an inevitability programmed by the settled de-Yet such is the power of his prose to snuff out the promise soned book. of surprise that one finds it a

bling Explosion."

What he learned is that a struggle to remain awake long decade or so ago Las Vegas's success as a gambling enter-prise began to inspire other lo-

15 Nb5 Bd2 16 Kd2 Kd8 17 endgame. DeFirmian said that

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Position after 17...Qd8

On 14...Be7 15 f5!? ef 16 Nd5, Hübner later told DeFirmian, he skirted 16...Qd2 17 aped this result by reviving an ider, speculative pawn sacrice, 9 Qd2!?

Kd2 Bd8 18 Rg3 a6 (18...g6 19 e6!? fe 20 Nf4!? Rg8 21 Ne6 is too risky for Black) 19 Bd7 Bd7 After 9...Qb2 10 Rb1 Qa3 11 20 Rg7 Be6 21 Nf6 because he judged that the superior state of the superior state 25 14 a3, it was wise for Hüb-r to stay away from 14...Qb5 be difficult to cope with in the bility of the white pieces would

he would have gone into that line, but thought that it was not perfectly clear whether White

But DeFirmian proved him ing knight sacrifice, 18 Nf6! The offer could not be refused by 18...Kf8 in view of 19 Bc5!

In shock and without any de-fense, Hübner played 22...Nf8, but as quickly as he noticed the looming 23 Rg8 Kg8 24 Qg7 mate, he gave up.



Rebel Bomb **Guts Jaffna City Offices**

But what the new gambling locales failed to allow for, he reasons, was that Las Vegas attracted tourists from out of state and that the enterprises their money nourished did not com-

Moreover, he adds, "those tourists who either had or would develop pathological gambling problems took their problems — such as losing their jobs, getting involved in criminal activities to pay off debts and a host of other costly consequences — back home with

By contrast, Goodman writes, gamblers who go to At-lantic City, for example, tend to be "day trippers" from other parts of the state, so that "instead of providing a jump start Could realize his superiority.

Anyway, it was to avoid this critical ending that Hübner from enterprises that already went into 16...Bh4 17 Kd1! exist. Moreover, Goodman Qd8, the idea being that if concludes, because these gam-White could not bring a rook to blers live in the state, New Jerg3, he would not succeed with a sey has to bear the costs of kingside attack. sey has to bear the costs of problem gambling generated problem gambling generated

> These drawbacks are obvious, he says, but the lesson has failed to sink in. More and more American communities have turned to legalized gambling as a superficial solution for shrinking revenues from a dying in-

dustrial base. Yet never does the impulse from any grass-roots popular said Monday that rebel resis-The pressure always comes from above, from the highly organized gambling industry. And once communities succhasing their losses.

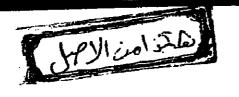
Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York tack to avenge the loss of

officials said.

pared to restore basic services Tamil Eelam rebels from newly captured areas of the town center and to defuse a maze of

slowed the army's advance. Government troops were

bracing for a rebel counterat-



Hopes for Peace in Ulster Never Higher Both North and South, Full Credit Is Given to Clinton

By James F. Clarity New York Tones Service

DUBLIN - In the aftermath of the neareuphoria created by President Bill Clinton last week, hopes for lasting peace in the

north have never been higher.

There are still serious obstacles to be faced in the coming months as officials try to work in the new "twin-track" frame-British prime ministers last Tuesday in London, after intense White House pressure to do so before President Clinton's arrival Wednesday.

But if Mr. Clinton were running for reelection on this island today he would be in very good shape.

The Irish, both men and women, repeatedly compare him to John F. Kennedy, who has been virtually canonized bere. "Your president put our politicians on this - be heard." side of the water to shame," said Jim Thornton, a farmer in rural County Louth, on Ireland's border with the north. "He has the Kennedy charisma. He moved as a lot that."

Those words reflected the view of many, north and south.

BRUSSELS - EU foreign

ministers agreed Monday to im-

pose a sports boycott on Nigeria

tachés from the country in an

effort to step up pressure on the

military regime over its human

rights record, Foreign Minister

Klaus Kinkel of Germany an-

The move follows the agree-

ment last month to impose an

embargo on new arms sales to

the regime and a ban on issuing

visas for members of the junta.

It also was decided Monday to

withdraw visas issued before

Mr. Kinkel did not give any

In addition, the ministers dis-

details of how the sports boy-

cussed oil sanctions, which

Germany and the European

Union's Nordic members sup-

port. Britain and the Nether-

lands are opposed. Shell, the

British-Durch oil group, would

nounced.

last month's ban.

cott would operate.

and to withdraw all military at-

the adulation of tens of thousands of Protestants and Roman Catholics on his visit to Irish Republican Army. This issue has Belfast and Londonderry on Thursday and on his visit to Northern Ireland and Dublin to Dublin on Friday, has advanced peace hopes by speaking eloquently over the heads of the politicians and paramilitary leaders, whose wrangling had virtually halted the peace effort in recent months.

His clear admonitions to both Catholic work that was announced by the Irish and and Protestant paramilitaries that people went permanent peace and will not tolerate violence were liailed by virtually all political leaders. He was the first U.S. president, officials said, to address directly the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republican

Amny.
"My message to the IRA," he said, "is that the twin-track process has provided a government but he said of the twin-track mechanism for all the parties, honorably, now to bring their concerns to the table and

And in the end," he said, emphasizing each word, "peace means peace," adding firmly, "and we're all going to support

Second, and perhaps most significant, he persuaded Prime Minister John Major of

see is a gradual tightening of the Nigeria, other countries urge screw," he said. "The pressure caution.

regime. That has not begun to Dick Spring of Ireland. "We happen, so I think some further have to make sure we don't

be hit hard by oil sanctions. Earlier, Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind of Britain had

said that he supported increas-

is on the Nigerian government

happen, so I think some further

fightening is likely."
Mr. Kinkel said the latest

measures, however, were "not enough."

rode Swedish demands that the

EU take a more robust stand to

isolate the Nigerian leadership.

After Nigeria banged the

writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and

eight other human rights ac-

tivists on Nov. 10, the EU

banned arms sales to Nigeria, cut off development aid and

tightened visa restrictions for

government officials.

The foreign ministers over-

What one should expect to

ing pressure on Nigeria.

changed the peace effort in several sig- Northern Ireland. The new twin-track ap-nificant ways. First, Mr. Clinton, who won proach established an international commission to deal with the disarmament of the stalled the peace effort for months.

Third, over the objections of his own State Department and equivalent officials in Britain, Mr. Clinton recognized Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the IRA political wing, and allowed him to visit the United States and make his case to the

But the quo for this quid, officials familiar with the situation say, was that Mr. Adams was to produce an IRA cease-fire, which he did, 15 months ago.

Monday, Mr. Adams, who refused two months ago to work in the proposed new framework, continued to attack the British process, "Let's get on with it."

He added that, eventually, he would sit down with Protestant leaders and "We will

get a negotiated settlement."

David Trimble, the bead of the largest northern Protestant party, the Ulster Unionist Party, praised Mr. Clinton's efforts and said they had advanced prospects for a settlement of the sectarian violence orth and south.

Britain to change long-held policy that the that erupted in 1969 and has killed 3,173 Most people feel that the president has United States should have no direct role in people.

rights abuses in Nigeria,

Reuters reported from Johan-

nesburg.
Mr. Mandela said he would

step up demands for sanctions,

tary-general of the Organiza-

tion of African Unity, Salim

Ahmed Salim, would arrive

Tuesday in Nigeria for talks the following day with Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani

Mr. Mandela noted that, in

recent months, he had been try-

ing to persuade General Abacha

to introduce democratic re-

forms and to release political

regard means that we shall in-

tensify the demands for the ap-

plication of sanctions, especial-

"The lack of response in that

sanctions, against

dissidents from jail.

The South African leader al-

especially on oil exports.

that the EU could add other wealth, Emeka Anyaoku, on

sanctions if Nigeria continued Monday to discuss human

Ahacha.

to defy international demands

favor an oil embargo against

While Sweden and Germany

"We have to achieve a bal-

to respond by democratizing its ance," said Foreign Minister so announced that the secre-

affect the people themselves."

has been Nigeria's suspension from the British-led Common-

On Sunday, Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu of South

Africa urged the international

community to embargo Nige-

rian oil and block the interna-

tional bank accounts of Nige-

■ Mandela Presses Case

South Africa met with the sec-

President Nelson Mandela of

ma's leaders.

A German diplomat warned retary-general of the Common-

(AFP, ĂP)

So far, the toughest sanction

for more democracy.

EU Ministers Set Sports Boycott on Nigeria

U.S. to Pull Out Of UN Agency

VIENNA — The United States is pulling out of the UN Industrial Development Organization, sources at its annual

Debate Under Way On Nuclear Arms

defense ministers opened weeklong talks Monday by examining what role France's nuclear arsenal could play in of the Onas forging a common defense Surgery Center.

the Social Democratic Party leadership and is thus likely to become the country's next prime minister, Swedish television reported Monday. Mr. Persson, who had said he would not seek to succeed Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson at a party congress in March, has now accepted a

Swede Will Seek Leadership Post

STOCKHOLM - Swe-

den's finance minister, Goran

Persson, has agreed to be

nominated as candidate for

(Reuters) Estonia Applies To Join the EU

nomination, the television's

"Aktuellt" program quoted

"a well-placed source" as

BRUSSELS - Estonia applied Monday to join the Eu-

ropean Union. The Estonian foreign minister, Siim Kallas, said the application was a key part of his ern institutions as it tries to recover from decades of Russian domination.

The European Commission between old allies are inwill study the application but evitably taking shape, and it is is not likely to make a decision for at least two years. (AP)

no secret that Europe will have to do more for its own security," said a report by the 27-Western European But the report, to be debated

Tuesday, also criticized French nuclear testing in the South Pacific, saying it "may have regrettable political consequences" on efforts to promote conference said Monday. a global test-ban treaty. (AP)

Washington has long complained of excessive bureaucracy and lack of efficiency at the agency. The United States contributes about one-fourth of the agency's budget. (AP)

respirator had not succeeded. PARIS - West European dition is stable, and he is in



country's efforts to join West- Mr. Kallas presenting Estonia's application Monday.

strategy. "In the post-Cold War world, new relationships

A Medical Gain

For Papandreou

The prime minister's con-

the Onassis Cardiac

EU events scheduled for

BRUSSELS: Meeting of group preparing 1996 Maastricht review conference and presentation of report by its chairman, Carlos Westendorp.

BRUSSELS: The commissioner for external relations, Hans van den Broek, meets with the Belarus foreign minister, Vladimir Syanko.

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -BRUSSELS: The compe-Prime Minister Andreas Pa- tition commissioner, Karel pandreou regained consciousvan Miert, meets with the ness Monday for the first time French minister for European in a week, but doctors said affairs, Michel Barnier. efforts to remove him from a

FRANKFURT: The monetary policy commissioner, Yves Thibault de Silguy, contact with his surround- takes part in a meeting of Euings," said Panaghiotis Poulis ropean Monetary Institute. Sources: Ágence Europe. AFP.

Kills 11 and **Wounds 60** In Grozny The Associated Press

Car Bomb

GROZNY, Russia powerful car bomb exploded Monday in the center of the Chechen capital, killing at least Il people and wounding more than 60 others in one of the

deadliest attacks in months. The bomb went off shortly after noon outside the headquarters of the Moscow-backed government in the breakaway republic, blowing out windows as far as half a kilometer away, the Itar-Tass news agency re-

ported. The Interfax news agency cited Vladimir Zorin, first deputy head of the Russian administration in Grozny, as saying that 11 people had died and that more than 60 others had been wounded, a dozen seri-

ously. One of the dead was an Interfax driver who had been parked close to the car bomb. the agency said. His car was thrown about 10 meters (30

feet) away, it said. The administration building and about 15 cars were dam-

aged, Interfax reported. It said that at the site of the blast, there was a pit 2 meters across and half a meter deep. Clashes occur almost daily in

Grozny and across Chechnya, which Russian troops poured into nearly a year ago to crush a separatist drive. There have been several as-

sassination attempts against Russian officials, and frequent sniper fire. Thousands of people were

killed in the early months of the war, when large-scale fighting and air attacks devastated Grozny and other towns in Chechnya.

On Monday, Chechen rebels said that four civilians had been killed overnight and nine others wounded in shelling by Russian

The Russian military command said that Russian positions had come under fire 21 times and that two servicemen had been wounded.



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Army Sergeant Indicted As Rabin Case Deepens

The Associated Press

TEL AVIV - An army charged. sergeant Monday became the first person indicted in Prime he had secrets that would "de-Minister Yitzhak Rabin's as- stroy everything.' sassination. The move came a day after the confessed gunman mask," the 25-year-old student

First Sergeant Eric Schwartz was charged with smuggling weapons from his military base and giving them to the gunman,

The charges, submitted to a military court in Haifa, said Amir brothers were planning to attack Palestinians.

The three key suspects in the Rabin assassination — the Until now, Mr. Amir insisted Amir brothers and a friend, that he acted alone, and previous Dror Adani — were to be reports indicated he shouted that other suspects have been re- idence has surfaced, however, to rest, and it was not clear bodyguard was killed.

whether they would be

On Sunday, Yigal Amir said

fed conspiracy rumors by implying that he got help from a Rabin bodyguard. said. The truth about the slaying, he added, would "turn the country upside down."

Mr. Amir said the authorities killed a bodyguard who had helped him by creating confu-sion during the Nov. 4 shooting

bodyguards? The one who shouted, 'The bullets are dum-Sergeant Schwartz believed the mies.' "Mr. Amir velled to reporters as he was brought into a Tel Aviv courtroom to have his detention extended.

Until now, Mr. Amir insisted charged later this week. Four the bullets were fake. No evleased but kept under house ar- support his claim that a Rabin

"I did not think they would start killing people," he muttered in court.

'You are killing people," retorted Judge Dan Arbei. "If I tell the truth, it would turn the country upside down," Mr. Amir said, waving his hand dismissively and sitting down.

A government spokesman called Mr. Amir's comments

On Sunday, a police investigator, Arieh Silverman, gave Yigal Amir and Mr. Amir's at a Tel Aviv peace rally. the court a document he said brother, Hagai, during the past year. "Why don't you publicize contained new material "that they killed one of Rabin's could change the nature of the charges" and asked to extend Mr. Amir's detention eight days beyond the maximum 30 days without charge. The document's contents were not disclosed. The judge extended Mr. Amir's detention by four days.

Suspicions against Hagai Amir deepened Sunday when a police sergeant told a government commission that he saw the Amir brothers talking just before Yigal shot Mr. Rabin.



Mr. Davies used Ontario backdrops for his trilogies.

Robertson Davies Dies at 82 Canadian Novelist, Critic and Educator

By Peter B. Flint New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Robertson Davies, 82, the novelist, journalist and educator who became one of the first Canadian literary figures to gain an international following, died Saturday of a stroke at a hospital in Orangeville, Ontario, 50 miles northwest of Toronto.

Mr. Davies published more than 30 volumes of fiction, including three trilogies, as well as plays, essays and criticism: He was once mentioned as a potential recipient of the 1993 Nobel Prize in literature, which went instead to Toni Morrison.

Though he retired as an educator more than a decade ago, he had continued to write in recent years, and his last novel, The Cunning Man" (Viking, 1995), made the best-seller lists this year. It is a chronicle of personal and social change in Toronto as reflected in the life of a doctor whose brilliant diagnostic skills rest on shamanism and Platonism as well as scientific medicine.

moral conflicts. Beneath its not before they had created a imaginative, enigmatic themes, meny legend. his work, which was translated into 17 languages, was inrity and wisdom.

the core of his work was "the isolation of the human spirit' and mankind's growth "from innocence to experience."

Jürgen Wattenberg, 94, Legendary Escapee

HAMBURG (NYT) - Jürgen Wattenberg, 94, a U-boat commander who engineered the largest and most spectacular escape from a prisoner-of-war camp in the United States in World War II, died Nov. 27 at a nursing home in Hamburg.

On the night of Dec. 23, 1944, 25 German prisoners made their way through a in Congress from 1963 to 1981 makeshift numel from the and in the New Hampshire State Navy's Papago Park prison in Scottsdale, Arizona, and cap-federal building in Concord was tured the grudging imagination named after him before he died.

Mr. Davies was primarily a of the American public. All 25 storyteller concerned with escapees were recaptured. But

The Germans not only spent almost five months painstakformed by the philosophy of ingly digging a 178-foot (54-Carl Jung, with its emphasis on self-knowledge, creative matithe tunnel with electric lights. Davies once said the theme at fashioned civilian clothes to replace their prison uniforms, built a three-person kayak to help escape to Mexico by river and even built a lake in the prison camp to test it.

After the war, Mr. Wattenberg became a beer distributor in Germany.

James Cleveland, 75, a for-mer member of the U.S. House of Representatives who inspired strong loyalty from his con-stituents, died Sunday of com-plications from a stroke in New London, New Hampshire, Mr. Cleveland, a Republican, served Senate from 1951 to 1963. The

China Fears Success of Taiwan Democracy Taiwan Leader **Assails Beijing**

By Keith Richburg Washington Post Service

TAIWAN — To gauge the true measure of mainland China's reaction to the democratic election on Taiwan last weekend, look not at what was said, but what was not.

What was said was that this was a victory of sorts for China. The poorerthan-expected showing for Taiwan's pro-independence party, the loss of some staunch proponents of seces-sion, and the rise of the aptly named New Party, which advocates closer ties with the motherland, all of this, adamantly opposed to multiparty polaccording to the China camp, means that Taiwan has shunned the independence line and backs a more conciliatory approach with Beijing.

The result shows "the Taiwan people universally oppose Taiwan independence," the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, was quoted as saying in the pro-China Hong

But then, look at what was not said. If you were in China the last few days. reading state-run newspapers or hear- As Taiwanese democracy becomes ing only government media, you would not know much about the Taiwan results. The official media never gave Taiwan's election a mention. It is as if the election on Saturday never

The reason for the news blackout is simple: fear. In a country still tightly ruled by a rigid Communist Party

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itics, what happened across the Taiwan Strait was an anathema, a heresy, a virtual crime against the established order — it was a free democratic election.

"Their political situation is still under repressive control," said Andrew Yang, secretary-general of the Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies, a research organization, the National Chengchi University.

They will receive more heat from Taiwan's democratic development." more entrenched, and information the current Chinese system.' about it reaches the mainland through various informal contacts and the unimpeded global information flow, Mr. Yang said, "that certainly will put pressure on the Chinese side."

So for China, the election results. mixed as they were, make small consolation for the fact that the exercise took place at all. The more democratic Taiwan becomes, the more difficult it becomes to envision a possible reunion with the Communistruled mainland. Simply by holding a peaceful, fair election, the Taiwanese have demonstrated in no uncertain terms just how distinct from the mainland they have become.

Democracy has entered a period of consolidation in Taiwan," David Auw, secretary-general of the Institute of International Relations at

"As democracy becomes more consolidated, more people will reject the idea of unification with China under

"Taiwan has entered a period of party politics, and that makes it more stable," Mr. Auw said. "Beijing will see this as a problem. It will be harder to convince people here why they should accept a one-country, two-system formula" when the two sys-

ms are indeed so far apart, he said. Coming after September's democratic elections in Hong Kong, which resulted in a rout for the avowedly pro-China candidates, Beijing is now confronted with two Chinese entities 1997, and now Taiwan across the strait. Both practicing the kind of Western-style, pluralist democracy that China's Communist leaders still openly reject.

"Beijing is not too happy to see democracy work so well in Taiwan,"

The Associated Press

TAIPEI - Defying Chinese pressure. President Lee Teng-hui lashed out Monday at Beijing's efforts to isolate Taiwan and said the island would not reunify with an underno-

'We absolutely cannot accept the Chinese Communists' claim that we are a local government," Mr. Lee told visiting American delegation.

His strongly worded criticisms followed weekend elections in which Taiwanese voters trimmed the parliamentary majority of Mr. Lee's ruling Nationalist Party and bolstered a it covets — the colony it inherits in new party that promises to work for

peace with Beijing.

Mr. Lee told a delegation from the
U.S. National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences that "democracy and freedom on the mainland is a prerequisite to national reunificawhich, he added, has always been a goal pursued by Taiwan.

Cameroon Jet Crashes In Swamp, Killing 72

ficials said Monday.

Military helicopters and navy boats combed the estuaries of the Wouri River throughout the day in search of about 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) bodies, survivors and clues to the cause of the crash, but they were hampered by dense fo-liage. Six of the 78 people on survived the Sunday night crash, according to a statement on government radio Monday

They included at least two of the five crew members, a copilot and an attendant. The pilot was pulled from the wreckage alive but died later. The plane was carrying 73 passengers.

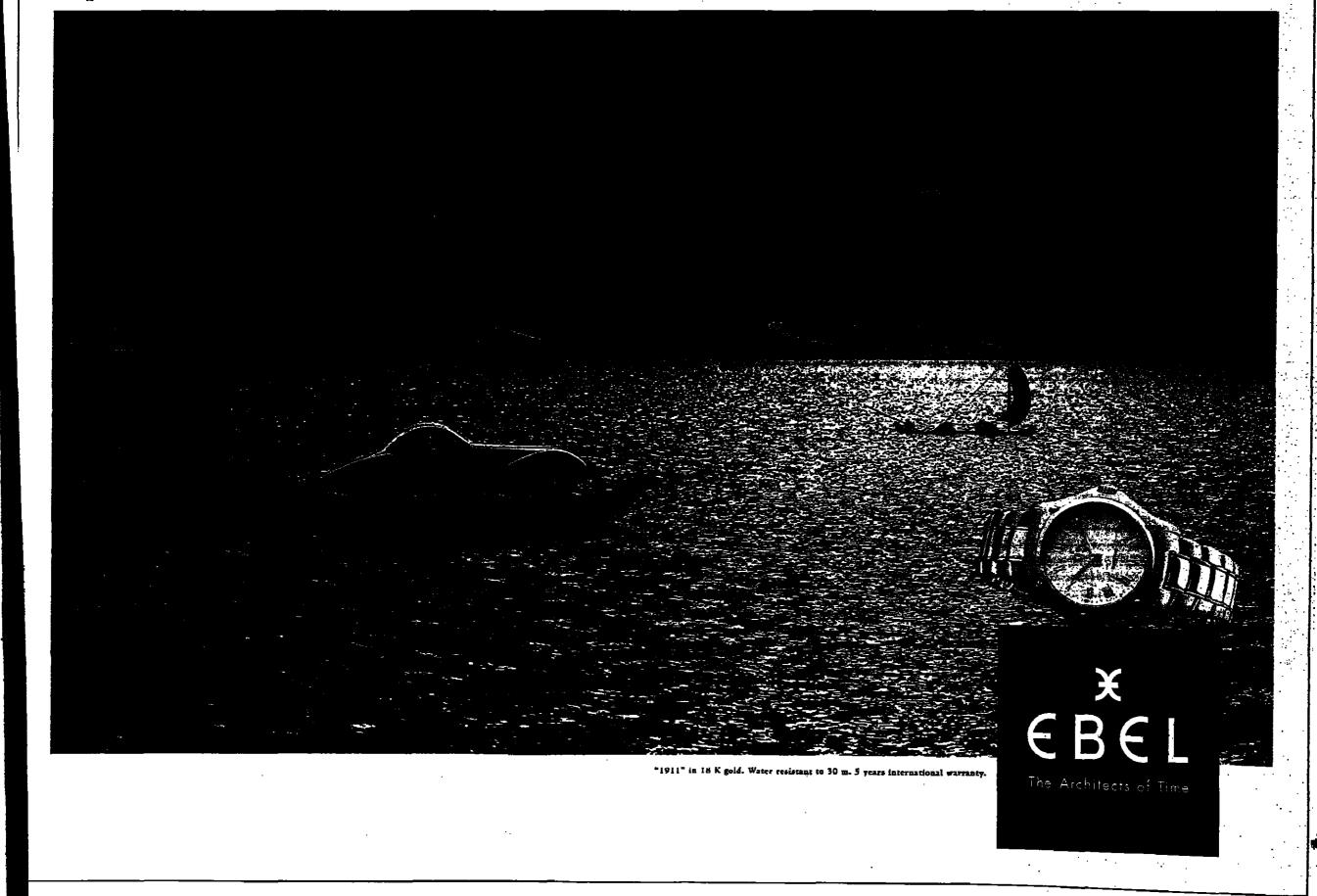
The crash of the Cameroon DOUALA, Cameroon — A Airlines Boeing 737 occurred at jet trying to land at Cameroon's about 9:45 P.M. Sunday and international airport missed the was at least the fourth jet crash runway and plunged into a in the past year in West Africa. swamp, killing 72 people, of- No cause was immediately given, but conditions were cloudy

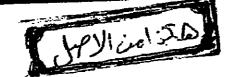
from the airport in Donala. Cameroon's economic capital and biggest city.

The reason for the first abortive landing was not known, and rescue workers were searching for the plane's flight recorder to see if it could shed any light on the accident.

Fishermen in dugout canoes were the first to reach the wreckage of the 737, which came down in the swamp in pitch darkness. (AP, Reuters)

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Western Sahara's Long Stalemate UN Push for Referendum Puts Rebels on the Defensive

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — Of all the foreign political leaders who pass through Washington on diplomatic business, few leave as frustrated as Monammed Abdulaziz.

He is head of the Polisario Front, an all-but-forgotten in-dependence group fighting one of the last forlorn struggles of postcolonial Africa Hardly anybody in the State Department, the White House or the diplomatic corps wanted to hear his alarmist message.

sage has not changed for sevyears, everyone understands the Polisario's plight and nobody is inclined to do much about it, Arab diplomats and U.S. officials said.

They said it was probably true, as Mr. Abdulaziz charged, that the United Nations Security Council is preparing to rat-ify Morocco's takeover of his country, the Western Sahara And Mr. Abdulaziz may even

in a much of North Africa because his group would return to guerrilla war and pethaps resort to recognition of the disputed territory.

The official added: "There have been no casualties since it went into urban terrorism in Morocco.

But the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, has is time to break a four-year stalemate and go ahead with a referendum to decide Western Sahara's future: independence or union with Morocco.

The Security Council is to vote perhaps as early as Tuesday on a formula proposed by Mr. Boutros Ghali to determine who is eligible to vote. Mr. Abdulaziz and some independent That was because the mes- analysts say it would stack the referendem in favor of Moroc-Saharans sent there by King Hassan II for that purpose.

U.S. officials said they saw little choice but to approve the secretary-general's formula because no one is willing to go on paying for a UN mission in Western Sahara, known as Minurse, that has dragged on for years without resolving the referendum issue. But Mr. Ab-

"The United States and the United Nations can't let themselves be dragged into this dirty told the Security Council that it affair by the king of a corrupt country," Mr. Abdulaziz said. 'What does the United States want? Stability in the region and stability in Morocco. To impose a Moroccan solution under-

mines these objectives."
In a Nov. 24 report to the Security Council, Mr. Boutros Ghali acknowledged that the proposed voter eligibility formula was unacceptable to the Polisario. But the secretary-general said he had "concluded that the co by giving the vote to non- new approach is the only way the process can be carried forward" ecause of Morocco's objec-

tions to all previous formulas. The atternative, he said, might be to forget the referendum and end the UN mission in Western Sahara, though that outcome also could lead to a resumption of Polisario's war for independence.

"From our point of view," a be right in saying that such an dulaziz and his supporters said. State Department official said, outcome could destabilize Mr. Boutros Ghali's plan would the UN-sponsored referendum

effect. It created its own stability and defused tension between Morocco and Algeria," which has supported Polisario.

Minurso "is part of an overall approach to keep the lid on," he added, but Mr. Boutros Ghali has "made a fair point" that it cannot continue "indefinitely."

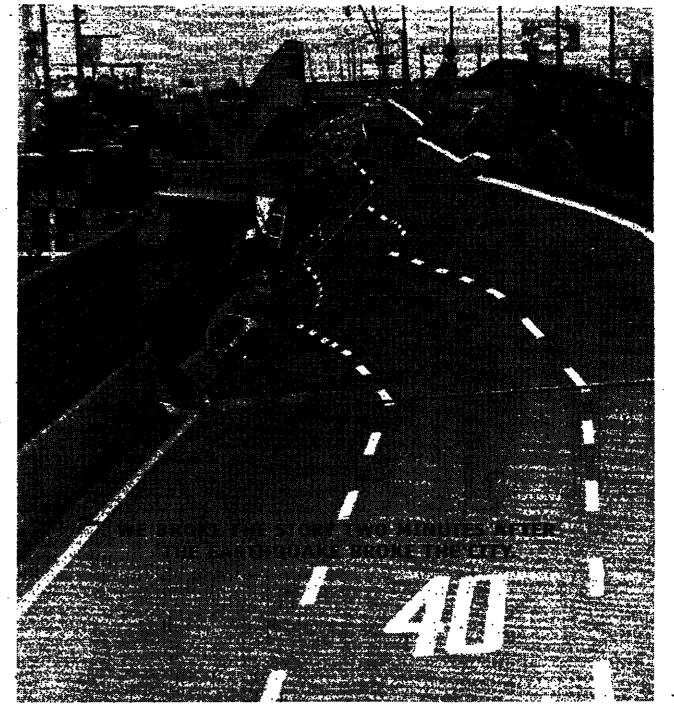
The struggle over Western Sahara territory has been going on for 20 years, since Spain pulled out of its former colony. The International Court of Justice ruled that no country had a clear right of sovereignty. In November 1975, Moroc

co's king led more than 300,000 of his subjects into Western Sahara, followed by Moroccan troops, to assert his claim to sovereignty. The Polisario, backed by Algeria and Libya, began a war for independence that lasted until a UN-brokered cease-fire in 1991. Since then, Minurso has been trying to organize a referendum on the territory's future that Morocco and the Polisario agreed to accept. But the two sides have never agreed on any proposed formula for deciding who would be eligible to vote.

"The Security Council is undenstandably frustrated by an operation that is proceeding at a painfully slow pace, at a current cost of over \$5 million a month," Human Rights Watch/ Middle East said in a report in October. "However, the Security Council must recognize that Morocco's regular obstruction of the process and challenges to its fairness ultimately pose a greater threat to the viability of

It added: "If Minurso is not promptly provided with the tools and authority to organize and conduct a free and fair referendum, there is a danger that it will be forced to withdraw. Since Morocco continues to control most of the Western Sahara, this would determine the region's future not through a free and fair referendum but from the collapse of a misdirected UN operation, which Morocco succeeded in manipulating.

U.S. officials insist, however, that the time has come to end the stalemate by proceeding with the referendum



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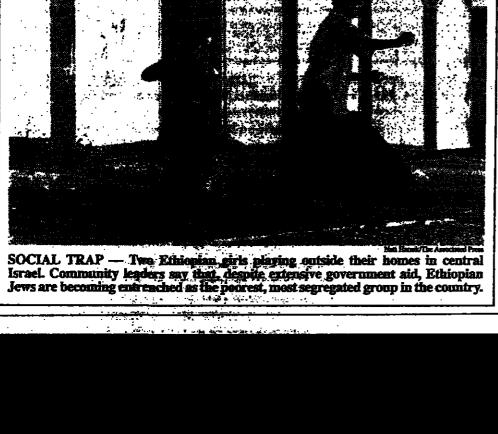
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Big Pain in France

struggling to get its deficit down. France's prime minister has promised to reduce his (much bigger) deficit as much in the next two years as the U.S. Congress, with much anguish, proposes to do in seven. The result has been an epidemic of public service strikes that have intermittently paralyzed the trains, the Paris Métro, bus service and much else.

In America, the politicians of both parties have succeeded in convincing most voters that it is essential to bring the deficit down. In France, the politicians have not yet convinced them - not, at least, the rail workers and the bus drivers. The French tradition of enormously generous social benefits only makes reductions harder. Total government spending there is now well over half of the output of the economy, compared with one-third in the United States. Opposition to serious cuts is understandably fierce.

But the government is likely to win, for a reason that rarely is explicitly expressed. France - meaning an overwhelming majority of France's people is determined not to be left behind by Germany in the race for economic power.

It is not a good season to travel by train. The currencies have become a potent in France, where a series of strikes is symbol in that unstated competition, and afflicting the rail system. The issue is the French have exerted themselves budget cuts. Not only the United States is strenuously to keep their franc from sliding down against the German mark. To join Germany in a common European currency at the end of this decade. France is committed to get its budget deficit down from the present 5 percent of gross domestic product to 3 percent. (The U.S. deficit is now about 2 percent.)

France sees the common currency as essential to prevent the mark and the German central bank from dominating European monetary policy. It is more than national pride. The prevailing view in France (and in Germany as well) is that the common currency will never happen without French participation, and that if the common currency fails, the European Union itself may well begin to unravel, with incalculable consequences for European stability and security.

That is why most of the French will, in the end, support or at least tolerate the budget cuts despite the damage to their cherished social benefits. The strikes and demonstrations against the cuts are dramatic, but nothing so far suggests that they represent more than a minority of France's voters.

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Getting Rwandans Home

The governments and organizations constituting the international "system" or "community" have had little luck with Rwanda, truly a hard case. Undaunted, perhaps even the more determined, former President Jimmy Carter, a one-man global emergency service, has picked it up. If he fails, he will have exerted himself where most others flagged. If he succeeds, he will save countless lives and point Rwanda and its twin in ethnic stress, Burundi, toward survival.

Rwanda is hard because leading elements of the 2 million refugees from last year's ethnic wars perpetrated the genocide. Their goal is not to lead their people home and set up an African Switzerland but, using the refugees as political and military cover, to knock off the regime that stopped their game.

This is what prompted, and complicates, Mr. Carter's latest effort to jump-

start repatriation of refugees.

Mr. Carter brought together, in Cairo, Rwanda, Burundi and neighboring states straining impatiently under an immense refugee burden — Zaire. Uganda and Tanzania. The Cairo meeting being a gathering of governments, the refugees were absent. But the conference did produce fresh assurances - not the first aimed at instituting a safe and orderly return of refugees and at sparing the Rwanda and Burundi governments attack

by refugee-based tribal rivals. Rwanda has further been promised that a newly established international tribunal will prosecute those among the refugees accused of war crimes.

In the difficult business of refugee repatriation, enforcement is always crucial. In this case it is doubly hard. There is not yet a working "national unity" gov-ernment that might contain and reassure the refugees. There is only a slight and symbolic international presence on the ground. A few thousand United Nations peacekeepers are in Rwanda; their mandate is about to run out. Cairo offered support for extension. That is the least

that others might do.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadaka Ogata, is following up with another early run at Rwandan repatriation. Her efforts, like Mr. Carter's, are welcome. A new report by her agency points out, however, that there is an alternative to post-spill crisis response: "What might have happened in Rwanda if the estimated \$2 billion spent on refugee relief during the first two weeks of the emergency (and more since) had been devoted to keeping the peace, protecting human rights and promoting development in the period which preceded the exodus?" That is the lesson that most needs to be drawn.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Strange Justice

Operating on the Washington principle that no good deed should go unpunished, the Justice Department is investigating whether the law was violated by the dis-closure earlier this year of CIA misconduct in Guatemala. The administration of justice is warped when the government pursues someone for exposing misdeeds that the government itself found deplorable and that led to the dismissal of two senior CIA officers and the punishment of several others.

The person under investigation is Richard Nuccio, a special adviser on Cuba to President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The Justice Department, at the instigation of the CIA. is examining whether Mr. Nuccio may have illegally given information about agency operations in Guatemala to Representative Robert Torricelli, Democrat of New Jersey, who disclosed and denounced the operations in public.

In March, Mr. Torricelli revealed that Colonel Julio Roberto Alpírez, a Guatemalan officer on the CIA payroll, was linked to the 1990 murder of Michael DeVine, an American innkeeper in Guaternala, and the later killing of Efrain Bamaca Velásquez, a Guatemalan guerrilla married to an American lawyer. Both men were killed by Guatemalan soldiers in operations condoned, if not authorized, by Colonel Alpirez.

The CIA withheld information about the crimes, and about its connections to Colonel Alpirez, from the State Department, the White House and Congress. The agency continued secretly to bankroll the Guatemalan military even after the Bush administration cut off military assistance to protest the killings. After an internal investigation, John

Deutch, the new CIA director, took strong disciplinary action against those responsible for the Guatemala operation. Mr. Deutch concluded that while there was no conspiracy to withhold information from Congress, agency officials had not kept the lawmakers informed, as

required by law. Given that history, it is especially contemptible that the government should be investigating Mr. Nuccio.

Assuming that Mr. Nuccio was Mr. Torricelli's source, which neither man has confirmed, he was the one person with knowledge of the Guatemala affair who had the moral clarity to recognize the gross misconduct and the courage to inform Congress.

It is hard to fathom what law Mr. Nuccio might have violated. At the time of Mr. Torricelli's disclosures, Mr. Nuccio was working at the State Department, specializing in Guatemalan affairs. He was cleared for access to classified information and met regularly with members of Congress. Part of Mr. Torricelli's work as a member of the House Intelligence Committee was to keep informed about CIA activities. It would have been perfectly lawful for Mr. Nuccio to share intelligence information with

Mr. Torricelli. If the Justice Department is investigating whether Mr. Nuccio improperly disclosed the identity of an intelligence agent, it would take a legal contortionist to justify that case, since Mr. Nuccio

never publicly identified anyone. This investigation has the smell of retaliatory justice. The Justice Department should drop the case before it does further damage to its reputation.

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Western Europe Missed Its Chance to Take Charge

PARIS — In Madrid on Sunday, the United States tried to answer the foreign criticisms which claim that Americans have turned inward and isolationist. This initiative responds to a belated perception in Washington that alliance relations are frayed — trans-Atlantic relations in par-

ticular, but trans-Pacific as well. The problems are a result of aggressive Clinton administration trade demands. too often seen abroad as predatory and unreciprocated, an aspect of Washington's post-Cold War tendency to redefine foreign policy as a function of U.S. do-mestic politics, driven by domestic payoffs — in trade, but in other matters as well, as witness Mr. Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland last week.

Spokesmen for the administration legitimately argue that Western Europe has its own version of isolationism - its internal preoccupations (which tend to exclude Eastern Europe from trade advanBy William Pfaff

tages). They acknowledge that the end of the Cold War has softened the security glue holding the NATO alliance together.

Washington also tells Europeans that their governments and press made too much of the administration's Asian emphasis during its first two years in power, and have placed too much weight on the supposedly isolationist implications of last year's Republican congressional election landslide. They say that that 1994 vote was overwhelmingly domestic in motivation.

Poils tend to bear out this argument.

They suggest that even on Bosnia the public is not isolationist, in the sense of opposing all involvement. People want to be convinced that there are good reasons for

Opinion is a function of information and consequent perceived national, or

A Bitter Lesson for Europeans

OR more than 40 years Europe has been built "through the back door," that is, through economic integration. Why? Because each time any of my predecessors in the 1950s or '60s proposed political unity or a common security and defense policy, they failed. So, while we have made enormous progress, including on common economic policy, we have not overcome the diversity of geopolitical history and diplomatic traditions.

I took part in all the Council of Ministers meetings during the Yugoslav crisis and can attest to the deep division based upon history with the Balkans. No one saw eye to eye. In 1992, a year after the war began, I remember arguing that the old nations must set aside their histories and face the main danger for Europe as a whole at the end of the century: ethnic cleansing. Nothing was more in our common interest than to stop this ideology.

We tried as we could, but failed. The European Union has given 60 per-cent of the humanitarian aid to the former Yugoslavia. We have provided 80 percent of the troops for peacekeeping. But we were incapable of stopping the war through a common diplomatic approach. We know we have failed terribly, and this is a bitter lesson for us. We know that to fail again to come together to fight the main threat in our own neighborhood may be a fatai blow to all else we have accomplished in the cause of European unity. The stakes are high. But I am convinced that, in the future, Europe will not shirk its responsibility.

- Jacques Delors, former president of the European Commission, in an interview conducted by Nathan Gardels for New Perspectives Quarterly.

By Gareth Evans

according to such comprehensive polls as those periodically conducted by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, are internationalists to the extent that a serious policy case is made to them.

While the American public's interest in what goes on abroad is unfocused, the public is largely uninformed. Most papers across the country, and national television, give no more than the sketchiest, crisisrelated international news. It is very hard to find out what is going on internationally. Editors and network executives, told that news has to be entertaining, have frequently delegated professional responsibility in the matter to National Public Radio, which carries BBC bulletins.

The new Clinton administration initiative on trans-Atlantic relations is an effort to placate Europeans, not to motivate Americans. It proposes increased consultation with the European govern-

ments on a common alliance agenda.

Washington says that it will henceforth treat the European Union as a political entity rather than simply a trading group. This is an interesting concession — if it may be called such — since the European Community, even before it became the Union, claimed to possess a political personality. Washington seems to be acknowledging a previous unwillingness to acknowledge that this was so, or even that it preferred a purely economic "Europe." Washington proposes shared leadership in Bosnia's reconstruction, joint efforts to end the Arab boycott of Israel, to regularize relations with the new Palestinian authorities and develop Western trade with the Palestinians, and new joint efforts

in the matter of nuclear proliferation. The idea of a trans-Atlantic "marketplace," emphasizing the reduction of nontariff barriers, is substituted for the trans-Atlantic trading-union proposal floated in both Washington and Madrid last summer. The major European powers were skeptical about still more American trade-related diplomacy, and American

even international, interest. Americans, manufacturers told Washington they were trans-Atlantic tariff reform when existing tariffs are already low.

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Washington also wants new diplomatic coordination on humanitarian action in Africa and on crime, immigration and asylum issues. It does not want this initiative seen as a new instance in which the allies are merely invited to pay the ball; Washington's invitation to political consultation

is meant to block that accusation. However, this initiative bears the fingerprints of the image-makers and fails to address the nub of the alliance problem. This is the real loss of interest in international affairs among the American political class — which is not the same thing as popular isolationism.

On the other side, the problem is Westem Europe's inability to release itself from its dependence upon the United States, and its consequent, and psychologically in-evitable, resentment of Washington. Europe's demonstration in Yugoslavia of collective impotence, in a matter over which it had ostentatiously claimed au-thority, has left a bitter hangover.

America's Madrid initiative conveys a

certain air of weary condescension: of saying, What on earth do these people really want? At the Dayton negotiations, and now in preparing the NATO inter-vention in Bosnia, the United States has made few concessions to Europe's wounded sensibilities.

The United States will run the Bosnia operation, as it ran the August bombings and the Dayton talks, not only because that is the simple and efficient way to get things done, but also because the West Europeans forfeited their chance to take charge of Europe's post-Cold War order.

This is not a good situation, nor one which augurs particularly well for trans-Atlantic relations in the future. But this is the way it is today, and it is not Washington's fault.

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Step by Step Together Toward a World Without Nuclear Weapons

CANBERRA — The case for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons is more pow-

erful now than it has ever been. With the end of the Cold War. the superpower standoff has given way to a security environment in which people around the world have dared to hope for an end, once and for all, to the threat of nuclear annihilation. But there is an enormous distance to go.

No longer is the biggest nuclear problem the threat that declared nuclear powers will launch surprise attacks against each other and develop ever growing stockpiles of new-generation weapons, with the attendant risks of accident or misuse. The real problem now is the spread of weapons technology and material to countries that do not have them, or do not acknowledge having them.

We will not get anywhere in resolving that problem until the na continued to test. world as a whole believes that the declared nuclear powers are genuinely serious about eliminating their own weapons stocks. Nobody will play until they see that the field is level.
Since 1970, the five declared

nuclear weapons states have been notionally committed to complete nuclear disarmament. The United the moment seems depressingly Nuclear Weapons.

The writer is Australia's foreign minister. States, Britain, France, Russia

and China all signed up to this objective by endorsing Article 6 of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. But there has been no real momentum toward achieving that objective - no practical, coherent, step-by-step plan for complete nuclear disarmament.

It is true that with the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, the socalled START process, substantial dismantling of nuclear arsenals is under way. In May, the international community agreed to extend the nonproliferation treaty indefinitely, although many countries made clear their bitter regret at having done so when France shortly thereafter resumed nuclear testing, while Chi-

Moreover, there is now real confidence that 1996 will see the conclusion of a genuinely comprehensive test ban treaty. But what then? The world will

still face the threat of a nuclear arsenal of more than 40,000 weapons. Even if START-2 is fully implemented by 2003, which at unlikely, there will still be some 12,000 warheads in existence. How, in these circumstances,

can we prevent the proliferation of existing weapons technology and material to countries and groups that are not part of the declared nuclear club? Without concrete moves toward the total destruction of existing

weapons, threshold states will not

keep their part of any new nuclear bargain, and it will not be possible to put in place the kind of verification measures that will stop rogue states and groups from joining the nuclear weapons action. We will face the prospect of a fresh round of nuclear competition, with multiple nuclear players threatening to use their weapons, either at the state or substate level, in a way that will

make nonsense of current strategies of stable deterrence. It is with all these thoughts, and fears, in mind that Paul Keating, Australia's prime minister, announced recently that he was establishing the Canberra Commission on the Elimination of

gether an outstanding group of 15 eminent statesmen, scientists, disarmament experts and military strategists from around the world to try to prepare a practical, stepby-step blueprint for achieving a world free of nuclear weapons -a blueprint which at the same time would maintain stability and security during the transition and after the goal is accomplished. The commission includes Mi-

chel Rocard, a former prime minister of France; Robert McNamara, a former U.S. secretary of defense; Joseph Rotblat, who received the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize and is the founder of the. Pugwash Conferences; Field Marshal the Lord Carver, former chief of the British defense staff; the Oxford-based Australian strategic analyst Robert O'Neill; Maj-Britt Theorin, a member of the Euroin Parliament and former president of the International Peace Bureau; Rolf Ekeus, executive chairman of the UN Special Commission that has worked to elimmate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction; Roald Sagdeev, science adviser to former President Mikhail Gorbachev: and General Lee Butler, until recently head of the U.S. Strategic Air Command.

Other members — Celso Amorim from Brazil, Jayantha Dhanapala from Sri Lanka, Nabil Elaraby from Egypt, Ryukichi Imai from Japan and Ronald Mc-Coy from Malaysia — have distinguished records of achievement in arms control and international diplomacy. The convenor of the group will be Richard Butler, Australia's permanent UN representative and former disar-

mament ambassador. These are not wooily-headed idealists but figures who have lived through the Cold War and have had enormous experience of disarmament issues. Not all of them are absolutely convinced that it is desirable to have a world that is completely free of nuclear weapons. Quite a few of them are skeptical about whether that goal can be achieved.

But all of them will come to Canberra for the first meeting of the commission in January - and will work to produce a report for

The commission will bring tothe United Nations by August -with a completely open mind, and with a clear commitment to make

the world a safer and saner place. In mapping a path to disarmament, the commission has been asked to focus closely on such practical issues as new verification and control mechanisms, and new international legal obligations. It will be particularly concerned with how to maintain stable deterrence during the phasedown to zero weapons, and how to prevent nuclear theft and terrorism.

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The commission will be looking, above all, at how durable security arrangements can be achieved in a world without nu-

Why Australia to initiate this exercise? While a deal of work has been done in think tanks and by nongovernmental organizations on the desirability and achievability there has not to date been a government-sponsored project of a kind capable of seriously capturing the attention of other governments. We thought there should be.

Australia has some solid disarmament credentials, particularly with its role in bringing the Chemical Weapons Convention to conclusion - an exercise which convinced me that if we could build an intrusive and credible verification regime for the chemical industry, it had to be possible for nuclear technology.

And nonthreatening middle powers like Australia can perhaps sometimes be a little more adventurous in these policy matters than more exalted friends.

Finding credible answers on how to rid the world of nuclear weapons will not be easy. The commission's mandate is ambitious, far-reaching and complex. But in the climate of opinion that now exists worldwide, it is not unrealistic. The people are in many ways ahead of their governments.

The first and biggest challenge is to convince governments around the world that it is no longer necessary to passively accept the existence of nuclear weapons as an inevitable fact of life. And in that, at least, we think we can succeed. International Herald Trib

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Russia is intriguing against Japan in Corea there will be a strong interpellation on the subject in the Japanese Parliament. Japan will not yield should any attempt be made to annihilate her influence in Corea, which Japan desires to see strong and independent. In this desire Japan meets apparently with opposition, and it is unlikely that Japan will withdraw her troops from Corea.

1920: League Rocked

GENEVA — This League of Na-tions structure is rocking on its foundations under blasts from two American Continents. Argentina challenged that unless her proposals for changes in the Covenant including the demand for the admission of all Sovereign States, are adopted at this meeting, she would withdraw her delegation, Canada moved to cut out the heart of the

Covenant, Article X, as being 'conceived in iniquity, unfair to the small nations and a piece of humbuggery." Both demands aim to revise the Paris Covenant to take into consideration the rights of smaller nations.

1945: Lying Promises NUREMBERG — Sir Hartley Shawcross, chief British prose-

cutor, began the charge of crimes against peace against Germany's former war leaders, with a statement exposing the fraud which the Nazis injected into international relations to fool the world and their own people. As the accused fidgeted, he took up one by one the public assurances of faith made in speeches and in treaty form by the Nazis, and contrasted them with the sinister plottings for war and enslavement of human and economic resources. He listed broken treaties and lying promise with a thoroughness that will save future historians much research.

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Awaiting Dole's Stand on Bosnia By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton made his argument for sending U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping force. He made it well and he has won a respectful hearing, if not great assent, in

Congress and the country. With no disrespect to the president, it is clear that on this issue, the man whose views will --- and should — carry the greatest weight is Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, Republican of Kansas. It is Bob Dole who has the credentials to be the decisive influence in the debate over the deployment of an army division in the dangerous terrain separating the warring ethnic groups

in the former Yugoslavia. By asking Congress for a resolution of support (which Mr. Dole and Mr. Clinton agree is not a legal prerequisite to sending troops), the president has anointed the 535 senators and representatives as arbiters of the wisdom of his policy. Mr. Dole is preeminent among them. House Speaker Newt Gingrich has worn out his welcome with the public at least temporarily by his histrionics on the budget, and the House Republicans lack

any other credentialed spokesman on national security. Mr. Dole speaks with the moral authority he earned by the grievous wounds he suffered fighting in Italy during World War II. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gingrich arranged their lives to avoid military service during the Vietnam War. That does not condemn them, but it raises inevitable questions about the conspicuous gap in their personal understanding of the stakes in this decision.

Mr. Dole's record on Bosnia

is clear and consistent — some-

thing that cannot be said of the

president's. In 1990, when few others were paying much attention to Yugoslavia, Mr. Dole led a group of senators on a factfinding trip to Kosovo, witnessed Serbian attacks on the local population, and came back to declare that "the United States cannot sit this out on the sidelines — we have a moral obligation to take a strong stand in

defense of individual rights." He has not played politics with this issue. His criticism of America's "shortsighted and disengaged" policy was strong-ly voiced when his own party was in the White House. By contrast, Mr. Clinton was quite willing to use Bosnia for partisan purposes. During the 1992 campaign he called for air sunport of the Bosnian Muslims and

for lifting the arms embargo. But when he became president he dithered, while searching in vain for some policy that the European allies and/or the United Nations would embrace. All that time, Mr. Dole argued for the use of airpower and arms to halt the genocide.

Those who view the ethnic conflicts in the region as irrepressible and those who see no large strategic interests for the United States can question Mr. Dole's policy. But no one can accuse him of fuzzing the issue. He never has wanted U.S. troops on the ground. When I questioned him on the issue on a Feb. 13, 1994, "Meet the Press," he said: "What we don't want to do is inject American ground troops into a peace

settlement that we impose on

anybody ... It's not going to be peace." Now that is the situ-

ation he confronts, thanks to Mr.

Clinton's unilateral decision to commit such forces. As Mr. Dole put it: "Either

Congress agrees to a military deployment that looks suspi-ciously like Lebanon in 1983, or, on the other hand, we unravel a presidential commitment which would be at great cost to the solidarity and credibility of NATO and of America itself." Mr. Dole has responded to the

difficult situation impressively. While presidential rivals like Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan have taken the easiest political position, telling parents that Bosnia isn't worth risking one American life, the majority leader is clearly trying to find a way to strengthen President Clinton's hand and to give a policy he personally finds highquestionable the best chance achieving success.

He has spent little time second-guessing the mistakes of the past. He has not been consulting his presidential campaign pollsters. On the recent afternoon I was in his office, he huddled instead with Zbigniew Brzezin-ski and Jeane Kirkpatrick and other foreign policy advisers drawn from both parties.

He has admonished his fellow Republicans, especially the newer members who give little thought to such matters, that the credibility of a president's commitment is a vital matter, even if the Democratic congressional leadership ignored that fact in voting against President George Bush's 1991 request for support in sending troops into combat on

the eve of the Gulf war. Bob Dole wants to do better than that, as everyone without ideological blinders can see. That is why his word is the one that will count.

The Washington Post,

OPINION/LETTERS

Ben Franklin Gets Blown Up on the High-Tech, Counterfeiter-Unfriendly \$100 Bill

cash cow.

WASHINGTON — What is the value of trust in America? On or about Presidents' Day in February, the United States will issue a new \$100 bill. The real reason for this change in correscy lies. deeper than either the Treasury

or the Federal Reserve says. The surface purpose for America's first cash change in feiters; bankers in Zimbabwe three generations is to protect paper money from counterfeiters. In the age of computer graphics, sophisticated scanners and color copiers will be used to copy greenbacks. The new bills will keep Americans a jump ahead of the dreaded reprography. (We Americans worry more about reprogra-

phers than pornographers.)
In the new bills, a polymer 'security thread' will run down the bill; Ben Pranklin's face will be enlarged, moved off-center to make room for a hard-to-copy watermark: microprinting will help authenticating machines, and colorshifting ink that changes from

green to black when the serial numbers are looked at cockeyed will aid the fishy-eyed. We Americans need to keep a step ahead of the counterare panicked by the appearance

"Super \$100s," probably printed in Iran from stolen plates. But fewer than nine banknotes in a million in circulation today are phony; something else explains the urgency behind keeping secure the faith in the authenticity of our cash. The reason is that the man-

ufacture and distribution of cash is by far the federal government's biggest profit-making operation. Nothing makes money like making money --when people trust the issuing

By William Safire

The discovery of the amazing value of trust in government was made during the American Civil War. The Union was strapped for funds to pay suppliers and soldiers; Salmon Portland Chase, President Lincoln's treasury secretary, nervously issued the paper "green-- promissory notes paying no interest — at the same at about 6 percent — which always been honored at full face time that he floated a bond issue

He assumed that people would use the purely symbolic greenbacks to buy bonds that paid a return on investment Lincoln didn't much like the idea of paper money, either; he thought he would have to sign each individual bill and was scandalized to hear his signature was being engraved.) But an odd thing happened: The people, trusting government rather than local banks, exchanged gold and

- at 6 percent interest.

backs, in effect lending the govcriment money interest-free.

Today, that's what is going on in the world with U.S. money on a gigantic scale. About \$400 billion in our paper money circulates, over two-thirds outside the United States (and two-thirds of that in \$100 bills). The Treasury borrows that money for nothing and lends it

lion every year on the cash "float," mostly from abroad. No wonder Treasury and the Federal Reserve are so eager to protect the faith of dollar-holders in the dollar; cash is our

The Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, assures anyone who will listen that this is not a recall, and that bills socked away in mattresses have means we make nearly \$25 bil- value and will continue to be.

viet states, holding \$45 billion of our \$100 bills, have little trust in the local paper and want to be paid in dollars; because banks there have difficulty establishing the authenticity of old bills, tellers accept only fresh new American bills for

exchange or deposit. As a result, no matter how often our officials assure the old bills for the new. world about the continued willingness to honor old bills at makes this slightly bigger por-

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE COMPOSITE TRANSACTIONS

But people in the former So- face value, Russian investors trait of Ben Franklin the most anticipate a rush to exchange. People with large cash caches that they do not want to explain are already approaching U.S. businessmen with a deal. Turn in the old bills for the new for a abroad about American hege-10 percent commission. Here at home, gamblers and drug dealers are also scrambling for connections to launder their hidden

To the root question: What

sought-after and best-protected paper in the world?

Despite all the grumping here about unresponsive government - and despite the tut-tutting mony and cultural decay - the eager acceptance of the new U.S. C-note proves that people everywhere have faith in the stability that flows from freedom in

the United States of America. The New York Times.

Quietly Asphyxiating in Paris

PARIS — We wake up to a polluted gray-yellow sky. It is barely sumise in Paris and already the petites rues and the grand highways are blocked solid with cars. The strike has gone on for 10 days now. There are no trains, no public buses, no métros. People wait in long lines at

MEANWHILE

the taxi stand and smoke cigarettes. They are completely silent.

It's the silence that gets My husband and 8-year-

old daughter left early this morning to try to get to the western part of the city where his office and her American school are. He was hoping to hitch a ride on her private school bus. The journey will take perhaps two hours.

I walk my 5-year-old son to his school around the corner in our little neighborhood where the church bell tolls on the hour. As if time mattered now. He holds my hand and looks up at the leaden sky. "I feel like it's evening, Mom."

briefly what their own families are doing without them.

By Robin Herman

I try to do my errands. The post office door is locked; it is dark within. I stand alone on the sidewalk, confused. I have bills in my hand and holiday cards and a tax document destined for the United States. They said Air France might be going out on strike, too, and the banks. I feel mo-

mentarily asphyxiated. How long can this go on? Why aren't the French people mad? Is it patience or the silence of lambs?

The polls say two-thirds of the public supports the rail-road workers who stated all this — the ones paid more than in any other European country save Switzerland and who retire in their fifties. They don't want any changes in their pension plan to offset the country's massive debt as the government proposes. For the moment, the people in the traffic imms are with them.

"C'est la France," explains the energetic little guy who owns my favorite fruit stand. He explains everything I drop him off and see his about this country to me. In France."

teachers entering the school. "We are Latin," he says.

They have stayed the night at "You are Anglo-Secon. We" The writer, a free-lance a hotel nearby. I wonder still have the idea of finites—journalist living in Paris, con-

ness. Of being moved around like peons. The big companies, they have no sense of

"We have a unique social system here in France. People died for this system. We don't want to lose it. We don't want to have to live in a jungle with a knife in our mouth.

It's starting to look like a jungle out there to me. People fighting their way to work. Some have begun hoarding gasoline. The supermarket stocks are thinner than usual; the trucks haven't been able to get through with the fresh milk products that usually crowd the shelves.

I return home and eschew the elevator to walk up seven flights of stairs to our apartment. A French friend told me that with the electricity workers on strike there could be power outages, and you could get stuck in the elevator.

I pass a neighbor on the staircase, all red lipstick, sharp baircut and fluffy coat. "How are you managing with the strike?" I ask her.

"Oh, it's difficult," she says with a smile, "mais c'est

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraqi Weapons

Regarding "Who Says Iraq Isn't Making a Bomb?" (Opin-

The article implies that the International Atomic Energy Agency does not acknowledge possibility that the tracii clandestine nuclear weapons program could be revived. This is a total misunderstanding.

In fulfilling its mandate under UN Security Council resolutions, the IAEA has carned out extensive inspections in Iraq since May 1991. The agency has also removed from Iraq the highly enriched wanium that was to be used for the research reactors and neutralized large installations built for the secret spons program and maffected by the U.S. bombing.

knowledge gained by Iraqi scientists and technical experts over many years of clandestine work cannot simply be erased and the IAEA has never suggested that

1994, at the request of the Security Council, agency inspectors have been engaged in continuous, long-term monitoring and verification in Iraq.

MAURIZIO ZIFFERERO.

The writer is head of the IAEA Action Team on Iraq.

Athletes and Alcohol

Regarding "Campus Sports and Alcohol Abuse" (Nov. 27): As a former intercollegiate football player, I find the article's conclusions presumptions, malicious and illconceived.

The statement by Dr. Henry Wechsler that "binge drinking can lead to sexual abuse and other types of behavior that have been linked to athletes" has absolutely no relevant source or correlation. Furthermore, he "Athletes" behavior is very visible. And what we call the secondhand effects may be the most troubling - nonbingers who are bearen, sexually harassed or just can't go to

lege athletes are roaming campuses beating and sexually as-

Alcohol on college campus es is the critical issue. Target ing and smearing male college

ceptional achievers in their disciplines. Sports have provided me with the ability to perform in an unrelated discipline, under high pressure while exercising the leadership skills I learned as an athlete.

athletes are not drunken, vi-

saulting nonathletes? Male athletes are generally physically larger than nonathletes, rendering Dr. Wechsler's

definition of binge drinking questionable. Male athletes may also be under a "team rules" policy that permits them to consume alcohol only one day each week.

athletes is simply not just. Varsity athletes demonstrate outstanding levels of achievement in community leadership, academics and sports. The bulk of these young men and women — are truly ex-

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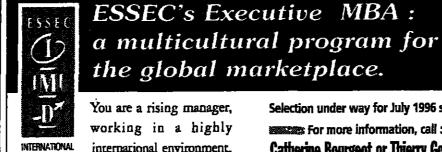
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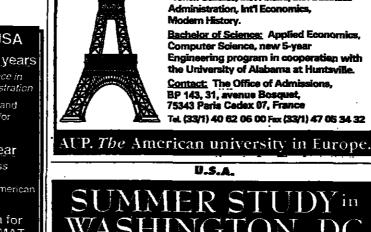
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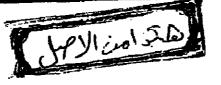
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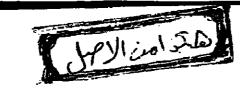
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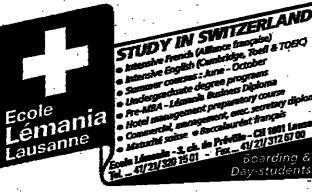
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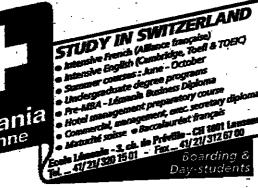
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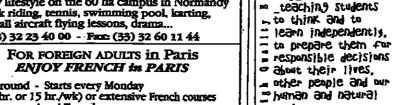
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Despite All the Pain, Weary Parisians Muster a Wan Smile

By Mary Blume

ple smiling? As the strikes go into their second, and even more paralyzing, week Parisians are reacting with a good humor and neighborliness invisible in ordinary times. The secret is the their vannted ability to debrouiller, to unscramble, problems outweighs the problems themselves.

those walking there. They babysit for each other's children, oil against darker days to come. Although neither the govern-

ment nor the strikers have indicated a readiness to come to the negotiating table, one office fair. worker remarked with tautological optimism, "All strikes finish by ending."

While department stores

watch their pre-Christmas sales drop to alarming levels and Left Bank has seen deliveries
soar, although 40 percent of its
staff has been unable to show up
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The refusal of the government to go to the public is makStaff has been unable to show up
for work. "Il fata prendre son
mal avec patience." or your male and the specific patients are selling nicely, too. mal avec patience," or you must take your troubles patiently, the store's manager remarked while stuffing delivery cartons with sugar, rice and bottled water.

At the Litec bookstore, which specializes in law-related texts, only five customers showed up Monday morning compared with the usual 40. "The law courts have cut down on the number of hearings," explained Maryvonne Bousquet, who runs the store with Michèle Pinson and a third colleague who lives too far even to try to come to work.

Mrs. Bousquet and Mrs. Pinson had spent three hours in making their usual 30-minute journey and were restoring themselves with coffee and shortbread. For the following nights they would be staying in a Paris hotel at their employer's expense, leaving their husbands to handle their children, and were looking forward to a girls'

As in any strike period, the city is filled with incongruities. subway authority about a new commission went to the meeting by bicycle since the subway problem with wholesalers' deliveries since the flowers come from the Netherlands by trucks right, but there were no cusomers to buy his bouquets. At the heart of the question

reforms but the acquis sociaux, the acquired rights or entitle-PARIS — Why are these peoments that over the years governments of all political perpopulation, from company heads to labor unions, as a means of ensuring compliance. These range from corporate tax famous Système-D, in which breaks to the free electricity given to employees of the national electric utility.

While no one wants to give up his or her own acquis, there is Strangers exchange ingenious growing acceptance that the systips on how to get to work and tern has gotten out of hand. which model of les baskets, or Among the rights most widely tern has gotten out of hand. sneakers, is most durable for contested is the railroad workers' retirement age of 50, which dates to the times of backbreakform car pools, offer beds to ing labor on steam trains and colleagues who live in distant which is at the heart of their suburbs, rise at 5 A.M. to get to strike. With modern trains and work and, as always in a crisis. 32-hour work weeks, and with lay in canned foods and cooking so many fired employees in the private sector facing permanent of 50, the rail workers' acquir seems superannuated and un-

With unemployment at record levels and a lagging economy, everyone knows that reform is needed, Mrs. Bousquet said. "But the shock is that the government imposed its rerestaurants do a small percent- forms without consultation,



Commuters piling aboard a government-chartered shuttle barge Monday on the Seine.

ing the public more sympathetic during the 1968 strikes, Mr. grandeur, progress and fratemito the strikers than might be Chirac went to Benin to serve as ty.

himself," the daily Le Parisien minister, while the silence of

expected. There is little sign of a host to a meeting of Franco-change. host to a meeting of Franco-phone countries and to persuade "Alain Juppé is waiting for them that the gift of the French the right moment to express language compensates for delanguage compensates for decreasing economic and military newspaper said of the prime aid. Finally on Sunday from Cotonou, where the meeting was een even more remarkable. message to his compatriots in-lin an act reminiscent of forming them that France was at are up by 200 percent and les

Not entirely warming words

at the start of a week in which the strikes are expected to hit harder and the weather, clement last week, is expected to fall the striking subways no longer being held. Mr. Chirac read a warm the homeless in their card-

FRANC: French Markets Fear That Juppé's Government Will Buckle

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tors, teachers and potentially truckers, there is concern that France's growth could be severely damaged by a protracted strike.

While the French government had originally planned on 2.8 percent growth in 1995 to allow it to meet its deficit-reduction goals, poor indicators for the third quarter and the slowdown in economic activity caused by the strike have led economists to predict much lower growth

Before the strikes began we had predicted growth of 1.9 percent and we now over the weekend by some members of Mr. strike.

at HSBC in London.

Despite the economic damage caused by the strike, economists said France risked far more if it scraped or diluted the social security reform program.

"The government can't give in because it would lose its credibility," said Valerie Asselot, an economist at Credit Lyonnais. Financial markets also would be devastated if President Jacques Chirac dissolved the National Assembly and held

think that is probably optimistic," said Chirac's ruling coalition. "If he dissolves Mark Cliffe, chief international economist the Parliament, the markets will assume the worse," Mr. Cliffe said.

Economists said they would be close observing the strike Tuesday to see if it would be joined by truckers and dock workers, which would effectively shut down the only remaining means of transporting goods on a large scale.

the rail strike by shipping goods by truck, and several said they could be forced to shut down temporarily if the waterways legislative elections, as had been suggested and highways were paralyzed by the

SERB: An Accused Soldier Sheds Some Dark Light on Grisly Crimes

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concentration camp — is based the Brcko area, war crimes of- to The Hague indictment.

A young Paris architect who have schoolboy looks except had an appointment with the for his wild brown eyes. "I don't look like a war criminal," he kept repeating.

At times, Mr. Jelisic denied eerie coincidences kept intervening. When he claimed he had helped more Muslims than triving through the traffickless he had hurt, he was asked to name some of them. He recled off a string of Muslim names: dependence. Mr. Jelisic re-"Kemal, Hassan, Amir, Mo-

hammed, Adnan, Zejcir, Resad, Novalija, Muharem. To a man, these were the

me. I went. But I personally

never saw any crimes against

the Muslims. In 1991, Mr. Jelisic was 23 and driving a tractor for an agriwas on strike. A florist had no the war crimes charges, but cultural collective outside the feet. "He took months to renortheastern Bosnian city of Bi- cover," the resident said. jeljina. The call came from Serbia for young men to volunteer to fight in Croatia and quell that Yugoslav republic's bid for in-

On the day after Christmas In late April 1992, another 1991, Mr. Jelisic said, he was call went out for Serbian fighters captured. He charged that his to head 50 kilometers (30 miles) on "numerous" affidavits from names of those either killed or Croatian guards tortured him, north to Brcko to expel Muslims Serbs and Muslims alike from beaten by Mr. Jelisic, according hanging him upside down for and Croats there. Broko remains three days, burning his feet and strategic for the Bosnian Serbs, "I was in many battle- beating him with sticks because it links Serbian terri-Mr. Jelisic, a newlywed and a fields," he said of his military wrapped in cloth to decrease the tories in northwestern Bosnia to part-time car mechanic, would career. "Wherever they called bruising but increase the pos-Serbian nurf in eastern Bosnia sibility of internal injuries

Mr. Jelisic escaped and returned to Bijeljina. One resident remembered that he was in bad shape, with bandages on his When he did, he was an an-

'If I wanted revenge, I had many thousands of Muslims to take revenge on," he said. "Of course, I didn't."

id to Serbia itself. Jelisic volunteered.

"They put me in a battalion. We were afraid. We know how Islam is. We know how jihad is," he said, using the Arabic word for holy war. "We had to go there to defend our children." For the next four weeks, he allegedly went on a one-man killing spree that rivals many of the individual acts of horror so prevalent in this war.

First Troops Land in Sarajevo

U.S. and British Logistics Teams Fly In

By Christine Spolar Washington Post Service

began Monday as two British Royal Air Force transport to rebel. planes with about two dozen soldiers aboard, including two American intelligence analysts, landed in this snowy capital.

They arrived in the early afternoon as part of a logistics team to set up communications for NATO force headquarters. Several hundred U.S. sol-

diers, the first American contribution of ground troops in the three-and-a-half-year ethnic conflict in former Yugoslavia, were to start traveling by train Monday from Mannheim, Germany. Americans will account for one-third of the North Atlantic Treaty force, or about 20,000 troops.

People are definitely getting pumped up to get down here to do the job they were trained to do," Sergeant Mat-thew Chipman said after he jumped from a C-130 Hercules transport onto the tarmac of the crumpled Sarajevo airport. "We think that now that U.S. forces are involved, there'll be a little pressure for things to hap-

The beginnings of what is expected to be a 60,000-strong multinational force followed an uneasy weekend here during which the Bosnian Serbian military leader, Ratko Mladic, disavowed the peace accord, and the head of the United Nations military command here was recalled to Paris to explain his own much publicized reserva-

General Jean-René Bachelet, returned to Paris on Monday to

His unexpected candor underscores the treacherous task of wringing peace from the tat-ters of Bosnia and, in particular, The soldier

NATO troops will be responsible for enforcing a peace negotiations in Dayton, Ohio, and awaiting final signatures on Dec. 14 in Paris, that will carve this small new country roughly in half between Serbian and Muslim-Croatian authorities.
The deployment Monday be-

French Defense Ministry about gan at about I P.M. when the his criticism. General Bachelet, first of two British transport in unguarded remarks to the planes landed in Sarajevo to French press last week, deemed face a phalanx of television deployment in NATO's history the plan unworkable and said he cameras. Haif a dozen British expected Serbs in enclaves here soldiers and one Land Rover emerged after a flight from England. The second aircraft. from Germany, arrived about

> The soldiers embarked and shrugged off reporters' ques-tions about safety concerns. The job at hand centered on agreement, eked out after intense logistics, setting up communications and getting supplies and men in line, they said. "If stuff gets ungined and

bullets start flying, we know how to take care of ourselves— once our ammo gets here," Sergeant Chipman said.

YANKS: A Bosnia Role

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but rather a moral issue. I've wanted to do something for them myself, and didn't know what I could do. So I've prayed."

To be sure, plenty of Americans remain vehement in their opposition to U.S. troops' setting foot in Bosnia, even as part of a NATO force sent to help

They have scant hope that any peace will hold in Bosnia, and fear that American troops would be pulled into a bloody

On top of it all, they complain that a government that is debating cutbacks in social services should not be spending \$2 billion on a mission halfway around the world.

'We've got no business in somebody else's wars," snapped Ron Todd, 40, who sat answer questions from the

in a cloud of cigarette stnoke at Mitch's diner, near Fort Leonard Wood, an Army base in a rural, working-class district represented in Congress by Ike Skelton, a conservative Demo-

'Look, I feel bad for the people who have gone through terrible things over there. I really do. But get realistic, we're not going to be able to stop them. Why, we can't even stop bad things from happening in this

country. "You can't walk down the street in St. Louis or Chicago without worrying about getting hit over the head.

"We got little children that don't get enough to eat, don't have shoes to wear. We got women getting raped and beaten regularly. And now we're going to go over to Bosnia and clean things up? Give me a

The Return of a 'Berlin Republic'

Capital of Good and Evil Has New Master Plan

By Joseph Fitchett

BERLIN — Ringed by building cranes, this city is the largest construction site in Europe. Pink-painted viaducts snake over torn-up streets, draining ground water from massive craters that will be the foundations for a capital worthy of Europe's most powerful nation.

The coming "Berlin republic" is not just West Germany writ large. Moving to Berlin from Bonn means returning to history in the locale of Germany's finest and worst.

Bonn is a small town associated with screne periods when Germany was decentralized, but Berlin is the heir to ideas of a strongly unified Jerman nation. It has been a city of extremes Red Berlin of revolutionary Marxism, the Nazi nightmare, then the divided city that symbolized the Cold War.

An ambitious master plan aims to restore the dreary East Berlin, with projects parceled out

to the world's top architects. Today, the remnants of the Berlin Wall are of buildings," a German official said. arely distinguishable from the fencing Now, he added, "our policymakers are gobarely distinguishable from the fencing around colossal building projects belonging to Daimler-Benz, Sony and other world-class

Visitors need help finding a sign marking Checkpoint Charlie, the block of Friedrichstrasse that was the grim passage between East and West. It has been enguifed by a building complex — acres of office space — owned by Ronald Lander, heir to the Estée Lander cos-

metics fortune. Reviving landmarks from its energetic but often disquieting past, Berlin, in contrast to Bonn, constantly confronts Germans with reminders of the uses and abuses of power. The splendor of the Pariser Platz will be restored as the United States and France rebuild their new embassies there, close to the Reichstag and the

Brandenburg Gate. Nearby, on the grand avenue, Unter den Linden, the Adlon Hotel, will rise again, Even Germans who are confident about their nation's future sometimes feel trepidations about the move, less than five years away, because of the change in psychological horizons. Bonn is monumental center of Berlin, which was in a cozy Rhineland town "where everyone works in government, lives in small villages and goes to the office in the same square mile

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GERMANY: EU Acquiescence Has Handed Bonn Political Primacy

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mentum, summit meetings this week between Germany and France and later this month among all EU countries are planned to unveil some marginal improvements in political machinery and then offer a lavish launch of the final push toward economic

German officials and business leaders stress that the wrangling over Europe's single currency shows the continuing need to work at trying Germany to the rest of Europe, particularly France. "It is better to bind a united Germany to

the rest of Europe so that future generations will not go their own way," said Ludolf von Wartenberg, director-general of the German industry federation. "Germany is the only major industrial power surrounded by nine neighbors, and it is not naturally It is a hard point for German politicians

to make publicly after the exemplary 45-year record of West Germany, the father state of today's enlarged Germany. But Mr. Kohl privately tells other leaders that he must make European integration irre-versible because he is the last German leader who, as a young anti-aircraft spotter, saw his country being consumed by the flames of war.

JürgenKrumnow, at 51 one of the younger Deutsche Bank board members, agrees that the real rationale for a single currency is political. The goal, he said, is "to avoid Germany ever getting back to Nazism again."
"We got unification because we are part

of the European Union," he said. "Our safe future can only lie under that big

Former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt offers a more refined version of this view: "If this common currency does not come about, then within the next 15 years or so you will see the Deutsche mark domineering banks, insurers and other instinations across Europe, and it would inaiready seen twice in this 20th century."

The sheer size of Germany makes its European partners uneasy. What is needed. Mr. Schmidt added, "is a fair amount of geon in the sea this year, down from 200 tact, which is not a quality Germans are million in 1990," he said

left to its own devices. Foreigners detect a sharper tone in their

dealings with some German officials, be they in foreign policy or financial circles. the Bundesbank, showed no qualms in going public last spring with an unusually blunt upbraiding of the Clinton admin-istration about U.S. economic policy.

Germans are also unabashedly taking the lead in setting Europe's commercial agenda, and that has meant pushing European Union priorities eastward; German investment in former Communist nations leads the world. Industrialists and bankers in Germany are also branching out to forge Europewide conglomerates in telecommunications, banking, automobile and defense sectors. And Mr. Kohl has taken Airbus-loads of German businessmen to Japan and China, Vietnam and the other Asian growth-tigers, in an aggressive cam-

paign to snare a share of these markets. The German energy displayed here cannot, however, mask the tensions in German society that have accumulated since 1990, as the country devoted all its resources to a unification program that has cost \$700 billion so far.

Today, there is mounting concern over new challenges that include massive lay-offs that seem bound to continue in industry, partly because manufacturing jobs

Caviar Production Threatened By a Fall in Sturgeon Stocks

Agence France-Presse

TEHRAN - Production of Iran's world-famous caviar is becoming increas-ingly threatened by the diminishing stock of sturgeon fish in the Caspian Sea.

Lotfoliah Saidi, the vice president of evitably lead to a repetition of what one has Iran's fishing industry, warned that poaching "seriously threatens the stock of the different kinds of sturgeon."

"There are an estimated 60 million stur-

Other political and business leaders echoed Mr. Schmidt's worries that Germany is liable to wield its account of the welfare system is another deeply distributed. many is liable to wield its power clumsily if is the need to deregulate the labor market to make Germany more competitive.

boiling over into the streets as it has in France over similar conflicts, these prob-For example, Hans Tietmeyer, president of lems have already started to fray the consensual management-union relationship at the core of German prosperity. The truly unsettled state of German society is most visible in the anxiety arising in

Even if Germany avoids social turnoil

Germany about the EU plan for economic and monetary union. The way German officials, led by Mr. Waigel, have been demanding that the rest of Europe meet German terms for the single currency reflects a new impatience in German society, a feeling that domesticinterests can no longer be ignored in the name of rather intangible European ide-

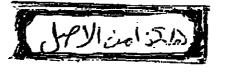
Both the German public and the political class fear a Germany that can't say Nein," said Dan Hamilton, a Germany expert formerly at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington. He stressed that Germans fear above all that they will have to keep financing free-spending neighbors elsewhere in Europe.

Mr. Hamilton also pointed out an ironic shift in attitudes since the Cold War years when European unity was conceived pri-marily as a safeguard against Soviet designs on West Germany. Then, other Europeans were often fearful of being dominated by the Germans. But now, he said, "that historical fear has been subsumed, it seems, by an even greater fear of being neglected" by the elites and finan-

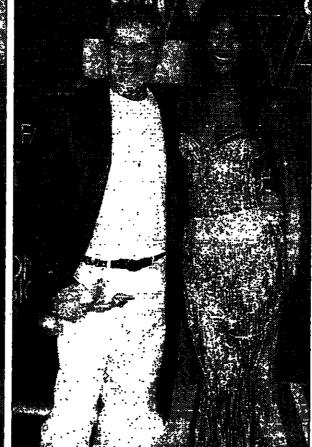
cial capital of a renascent Germany. Such fears have fueled occasional speculation in Paris that German policy-makers secretly hope France will fail to join the single currency, thus allowing more room for Germany to pursue economic nation-

But a long-serving French diplomat in Germany scoffed at such fears, pointing out that German companies seem to be alone in Europe in actively planning for the

switch to a single currency. Next: Behind the Deutsche mark's pow-









Hamish Bowles, left, Vogue exhibition curator; Gianni Versace, with Naomi Campbell, clutching his trophy for his "frocks and rock" at the VHI Awards, and Karl Lagerfeld at the Met with a vintage dress by Chanel.

In New York, Couture Is Cool

By Suzy Menkes ional Herald Tribune

EW YORK — Some like it haute. Some want it hot. But suddenly in this city, couture is cool. ions outfits by Gucci, whose

In a heady mix of high fashion and high society, the Metropolitan Museum launched Monday its bomage to 'Haute Couture." Perched at seum's grand gallery were than musty clothes. Or as Lager-guests gathered by the trio of feld put it, while looking at wiltco-chairpersons: Anna Wintour, editor in chief of Vogue, Annette de la Renta and Edgar Bronfman Jr.'s wife, Clarissa.

Designers, including Christian Lacroix, Karl Lagerfeld, Valentino and Gianni Versace, could view not one but two ex-Whiteons. The museum's Cos. Electricity ?: gr tume Institute palloped through couture history from the retic ivory ball gowns of Charles dress, a futuristic mini and a Frederick Worth through the layered gown.

slinky 1930s dresses, to the "Chanci shows continuity in slinky 1930s dresses, to the space age 1960s and the plasticcoated future. Its show (until March 25) focused on the couture crafts such as feathers and vision, "said Hamish Bowles, ed to lace, feathers, embroidery, the vitrines devotits couture ateliers and the future
of Olivier Lapidus couture is in
embroidery. It was peopled only curator of the Vogue exhibition. hats and gloves seem formulaic,
question. But hopes are pinned by ghosts — like the tany figure of the Duchess of Windsor in her

Mainbocher wedding dress. 'We try to make a celebratory December exhibition for the party of the year - and it is about showing off our own col-lection," said Richard Martin, the Costume Institute's curator.

"Images of Couture," from the Vogue archives, was a onenight stand for the arresting photographs and illustrious drawings that have interpreted haute countrie to its elite audience. The exhibition, recording couture's great moments and grand figures, moves to the Gagossian gallery until Dec. 22. Wintour, for whom de la

Renta created a column of white satin, said that she wanted to use the fashion images to create excitement and energy for New York's premier fashion gala and to underscore the importance of haute couture.

"It absolutely has a place in fashion - and it would be completely tragic if it disappears," she said. "For a handful of key designers, it helps them explore ideas. It has to be about ideas and using creativity and giving

an image to house.

The Fashion and Music awards staged by the VH1 cable

ture documentary last month, the VH1 awards honored Lagerfeld for an exceptional contribution to fashion and Versace for "frocks and rock." Versace-clad supermodels paraded the runway, even upstaging Madonna, who wore var-

designer Tom Ford won the 'Fashion's Future'' category. Countre certainly has a glorious past and images often disdinner tables around the man-till its magic more effectively ing feathers in the exhibition: "Old dresses are like old people

> when they were young. A madeap vision of Mrs. Comeins Vanderbilt, holding aloft a torch and dressed by Warth in 1883 as the "Spirit of

they don't look as good as

continue and legerdemain of the ateliers. Versace a 21st-century That includes the toiles or canvas patteras from which Yves Saint Lausent created a tuxedo for Catherine Deneuve and the ntessential Parisian little black dress for socialite Nan connection, an Ungaro toile for Anne Bass is matched by the finished version in turquoise gazar in the Costume Institute, making it maddening that the two exhibitions could not have

THE corridor of couture images springs surpriswearing Mainbocher. Accorda search of the archives throws up a mass of new material.

The point of the Vogue imes is that they show both how high fashion was defined by Beaton's stylized settings or the technical perfection of Irving Penn; and they also fix couture included photographs of

her trousseau for her marriage to the Aly Khan.

The Costume Institute's exhibition has a different agenda, which is to isolate each outfit as an art object.

They are intended to be the level of craft involved and to present pre-eminent examcurator, Harold Keda.

N that basis, the most interesting part is the area devoted to the lier, where there is a dress in a Grès, Saint Laurent's slither of bias-cut white satin and adding: "I always try to explain Chanel's pair of chiffon and countre by saying that in my lace smocked dresses: one from house I have 15 girls and 15 1936, the other 1995.

Some outfits are familiar, but

fascinating to see in the flesh, like the signature New Look hand.' nipped-waist suit from Chrisrent's Mondrian-inspired shift ture, Guy Laroche announced and Elsa Schiaparelli's sunburst last week in Paris the closure of labels brings the outfits to life: Mona Harrison Williams in the Vionnet black lace dress appliquéd with velvet; the slender Jayne Wrightsman in Saint Laurent's guipure lace; and Diana Vreeland in the baby doll lace dress by Balenciag

The exhibitions that Vreeland curated at the Metropolitan are legendary for their expansive stures that brought museum fashion to life. Martin and Koda are aiming rather for scholarly excellence and lack a sense of theater. Even their definitions es: a forgotten Erte il- seem woolly. Gianni Versace, histration of a slender for all his ebullient design en-1911 dress tipped with fur; a ergy (and his generosity as co-spension of a sporty Coco chanel; stimming Beaton images of socialities Daisy Fellowes and dards of Paris fashion's ruling daughter or Elsie de Wolfe body - even if those couture statutes seem outmoded ing to Diana Edkins, curator of Jacques Mouclier, president of photographs at Condé Nast, such the French couture federation. said he was surprised and pained that his organization had not been consulted about the Metropolitan's exhibition.

Perhaps it would have been better to call the exhibition "Haute Couture From an American Perspective." For if in a human context. Bowles has the curators have been unable to transmit the poetry of haute channel on Sunday, gave a Humphey Bogart and Lauren countre, its lyrical flow and sucyouthful kick to haute couture. Bacall sitting front row at Dior culent textures, it is probably As well as making its own cou- and Rita Hayworth choosing because they have never seen it

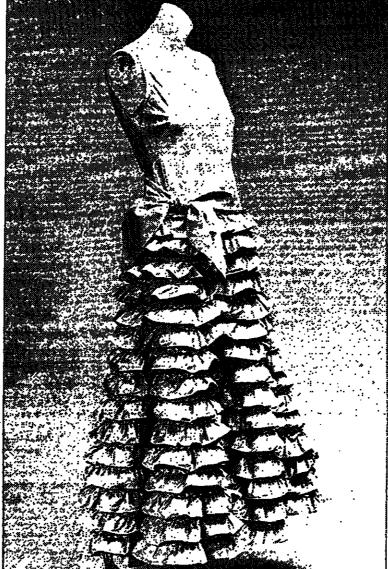
come to life. Or as they themselves say, "We have only seen it on video tape, and everyone says that it is such a sublime experience sitting on those chairs, seeing the clients and with fragrance everywhere."

Guests at the gala evening came up with their definitions of the distilled essence of haute "Wonderful fitting, beautiful clothes," said Annette de la Renta, who chose for the gala suby red velvet from Bal-

main, designed by her husband. De la Renta, who is doing the 50th anniversary couture collection for Balmain in January (allier, where there is a dress in a though it may be his last), puzzle of pleats from Madame praised the "extraordinary workmanship that Paris can do, machines and at Balmain 15 girls and two machines, because so much couture work is done by

It is a sad irony that, just as tian Dior in 1947, Saint Lau- New York is celebrating coualthough studying the donor's on the resurgence of Givenchy with John Galliano as designer.
"I can't imagine it dying."

said Koda. "Courture expresses people's aspirations and de





Two evening dresses from the Met exhibition. Left, by Jeanne Lanvin, circa 1930, and by Madeleine Vionnet, 1938.



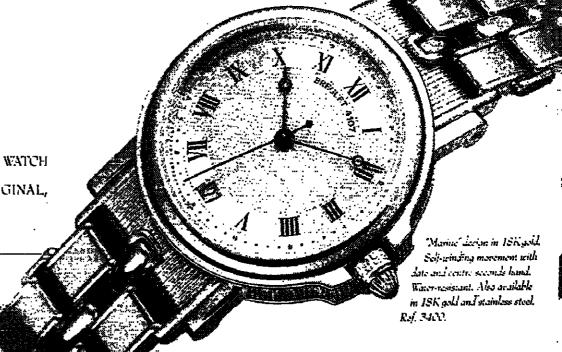
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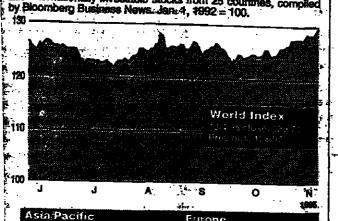
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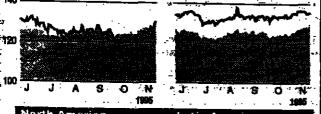
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By Reginald Dale

New Zealand already has been called the "Anglo-Saxon tiger," and a French minister is predicting that sub-Saharan Africa will be the "dragon" of the 21st

century. Now we have a surprise new candidate for tiger status: Britain.

Britain? Would that be the country that

led the industrial revolution 200 years ago

and more recently pioneered the concept of post-industrial decline? The one fa-

mous for labor disputes, football hooli-

gans (a distinctly un-Asian phenomenon) and an educational and social system

The very same, according to Peter Lil-

ley, social sociality secretary in Britain's

embattled Conservative government

Britain, he said recently in a speech to the

Institute of Directors in London, is on the

way to becoming "the European tiger."

Mr. Lilley's party, of course, faces a
huge uphili climb to re-election within the

next year and a half. With many Britons

stubbornly unconvinced of the govern-

ment's economic achievements, it is

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The mature British economy obviously bears little resemblance to those of the

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Foster's Decides to Stick to Brews

Australian Conglomerate Trims Its Fat and Its Debt

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

MELBOURNE - Ted Kunkel, chief executive of Foster's Brewing Group Ltd., is keeping in step with a drastically slimmed-down company that until a few months ago was the fourth-largest brewer

Mr. Kunkel, who himself has recently shed 13 kilograms (29 pounds), has seen Foster's — formerly a sprawling con-glomerate with international interests ranging from beer to property and finance
— slash its debt to just under 600 million
Australian dollars (\$444.6 million) today from just over 4 billion dollars in 1992. It has shed much of its debt mainly by selling assets unrelated to its core brew-

But the sale in August of Courage Ltd., Foster's brewing arm in Britain, to Scottish & Newcastle PLC for 1.2 billion dollars also shrank the group's core business profile, knocking it from the ranks of

the world's top 10 beer makers.

Now that Foster's net debt against equity is down to a very modest 20 percent from 293 percent in 1992, the question analysts and investors are asking is what the Australian, Canadian and Chinabased brewer will do next to restore growth and lift earnings.

After reconstruction, the group "is in a

analyst at Potter Warburg securities, a well as for the longer term.
unit of Swiss Bank Corp. In the year to June, Fos

Large cash flow and low leverage gave Foster's the capacity for acquisitions and/ or future capital returns to shareholders of up to 1.5 billion dollars, he added.

Group executives clearly prefer the acquisition path and have hinted at some major moves within the next year or so in brewing or beverage-related business.
With a share of nearly 55 percent of

Australia's beer market in October through its Carlton & United Breweries Ltd., Foster's appears to have little room for further local expansion in brewing. although it could extend its profitable foray into managed hotels that offer food and entertainment, including electronic gambling.

Mr. Kunkel said the group's acqui-sition strategy could actually be quite

wide-ranging.
"You could bolt smart pieces onto Carlton & United to make it a better business." he said. "You could then have your China or Asian strategy and, at the same time, you could pick up another international brewer if the right opportunity presents itself."

Mr. Kunkel said that the group was

looking at various brewing possibilities outside Australia, including India, Vietnam. South America and Eastern Europe.

The trick, analysts said, would be to stronger position than at any stage of the find new businesses that would raise Fospast five years," said Jeremy King, an ter's earnings over the next few years, as

In the year to June, Foster's said net

profit rose 2 percent, to 287.3 million dollars on sales of 4.4 billion dollars, mainly as a result of buoyant returns from brewing in Australia and Britain and international sales of its flagship brand, Foster's lager.

The group's pretax earnings in 1994-95 from its 40 percent stake in Molson Breweries, Canada's largest beer maker, were down 8 percent, to 72 million dol-

Foster's three recently established breweries in China - in a joint venture with Wheelock Pacific Ltd., a unit of Hong Kong-based Wheelock & Co. — recorded a loss of 12 million dollars in the year to June.

Mr. King said that without Courage's earnings, he expected Foster's net profit to fall to 285 million dollars in 1995-96 before rising again to 358 million dollars

the following year.
Foster's share price on the Australian Stock Exchange closed 1 cent higher on Monday, at 2.23 dollars. In a 3-for-5 capital reconstruction, the

company on Nov. 13 reduced the number of shares on issue to 1.96 billion from 3.26 billion to remove accumulated losses of 1.3 billion dollars incurred over the past five years from the balance sheet. Since then, the value of Foster's shares

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Bond Yields Fall, **Sending Stocks** On Record Run

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK -- Interest rates on U.S. Treasury bonds fell to nearly 6 percent Monday, thanks in part to U.S. hedge funds recycling yen to dollars in a scheme that some analysts feared might eventually turn

The bellwether 30-year Treasury bond jumped 27/32 point, to 111 22/32, pushing its yield down to 6.02 percent, a level not seen since the autumn of 1993.

The strong bond market also strengthened the dollar and pushed the Dow Jones industrial average to a record 5,139.52 points, up 52.39.

Bond analysts cited the com-bination of factors that had pulled down yields on 30-year Treasurys from 6.40 percent last summer: a slowing economy, the possibility of a rate cut and, most recently, the possibility of a deal between the Republican Congress and Demo-cratic White House on a firm program to balance the federal budget over seven years.

But a more ominous note came from hedge funds, which helped cause the worldwide bond-market crash almost two years ago by borrowing dollars cheaply, at 3 percent, to buy U.S. bonds yielding 6 percent, and then dumping them when the Federal Reserve Board started raising short-term rates from

their low in February 1994. This time, the hedge funds billion-dollar pools of capital searching financial advantage anywhere around the globe -

virtually cost-free rate of 0.5 percent, converting the money into dollars at a rate of about 100 yen to the dollar, and buying Trea-sury notes and bonds yielding

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GM Chief Adds Chairmanship To His Duties

DETROIT - General Motors Corp. on Monday named its chief executive, John F. Smith, to the ad-

ditional post of chairman.

Mr. Smith succeeds

John G. Smale, the former chief executive of Procter & Gamble Co. Mr. Smale has been GM's chairman since 1992, when Robert Stempel was removed as chairman and chief executive after the automaker reported large losses and a declining market share in North America.

GM's fortunes have improved since then, as the company's North American operations have begun to make money by reducing costs and producing more popular vehicles.

Mr. Smale will remain a director and will oversee a new executive committee of directors who will "coordinate the oversight activities of the GM board,"

Institutions Bail Out of ENI Shares

MILAN - Shares in the state energy concern Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi SpA fell sharply for the second consecutive trading day Monday, in what could prove an embarrassing setback to government plans for further sales of state

largest oil company in Europe, dropped to 4,925 lire (\$3.07), a

South Kosea and Britain's own colony privatizing and deregulating its economy racing Kong which were only developing and in making its labor market more recent surge of ex-

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ony over the past decade.

The country has tamed its labor unious, brought strikes and wages under control, and increased its productivity. It has

transformed and updated

lannehed important educational reforms

and become a major magnet for foreign

Even the staid Organization for Eco-nomic Cooperation and Development re-

cently acknowledged that "the sweeping

structural reforms launched in the 1980s

are yielding dividends in a more flexible, competitive and less inflation-prone

In fact, it is probably fair to say that

France would not today be threatened by massive social upheaval if it had tackled its

structural problems in the same way as

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

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Britain has led the way in Europe in

Britain has quietly

its economy.

Nov. 28. A major factor driving down the stock was heavy selling by foreign institutional investors, who were allocated more shares than they had bargained for, analysts said.

"Something went wrong somewhere," said a stockbroker with a London-based securities house. "People got higher al-Shares in ENI, the fourth- locations than they expected."

Some brokers said they feared that dumping by instifall of nearly 3 percent from the Friday's closing price of 5,077 and nearly 6 percent from the 5,250 at while they were offered that company by institutions could trigger panic sales by small investors if they saw the stock price fall much further. The Italian Treasury will

more successfully than any of its major European competitors. While France is

raising taxes, Britain is reducing them. Britain is some way behind the United States, which has done more than any

other industrial country to prepare for the tough new competitive conditions of the

21st century. But the British have moved

faster than the rest of Europe to a modern,

service-based economy, open to domestic

chief European economist for Lehman

Brothers in London, "Britain ranks be-

hind the United States but ahead of the

economist asserts, that the United States

has gone 85 percent to 90 percent of the way toward adapting itself to global com-

petition, compared with Europe's 10 per-cent to 15 percent, then Britain might be

States and France in tackling, often

painfully, some of the key problems faced by all industrial countries in the late 20th

century - the reform of welfare, health

Britain has not solved all its problems. It

is demoralized by constant, debilitating battles over its future role in Europe. But

these have obscured the fact that Britain,

while not exactly a European Taiwan, is doing better than many people think.

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compensate investors if ENI maximum value of 953.24 bilshares lose as much as 10 per- lion lire. cent in a year on the market.

· Also on Monday, Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA released the details of its capital increase. The company will offer shareholders the option of one new share for every two ordinary or savings shares held, up to a ed from Paris.

■ Pechiney Goes on Sale Pechiney SA will be sold to the public starting Tuesday at 187 French francs (\$47) a share, raising substantially less than expected, news agencies report-(AFX, ÅFP)

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Softkey Raises Offer for Learning Co.

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (Bloomberg) - Softkey International Inc. said it was changing the terms of its bid to acquire Learning Co. to an all-cash offer at \$65 a share, or \$606 million. Softkey, a maker of consumer-oriented software applications. is battling with Broderbund Software Inc. to acquire Learning Co., based in Fremont, California. Earlier, Softkey offered a mix of

cash and stock valued at \$590 million Sales of personal computer application software in the United States and Canada rose 48 percent in the third quarter, to

\$2.2 billion, the Software Publishers Association said. Bloomber,

Promising a \$500 Internet Browser

By Lawrence M. Fisher New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The \$500 digital ap-pliance predicted by Oracle Corp. as the interface of choice with the information highway may soon hit the stores, but courtesy of a British company, Acom Computer Group PLC.

Acorn's A-7000 computer, which costs £590 (\$900), already comes close to the idea championed by Oracle and Sun Microsystems Inc., in which low-cost, easyto-use devices will be developed for browsing the World Wide Web portion of the Internet and for interactive television.

Even as the chief executives of Oracle Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc. proclaim their intention to produce low-cost, easy-touse devices for viewing the World Wide Web, Acom Computer Group PLC already has a product that comes close to that idea: the A-7000, a multimedia personal computer equipped with a color monitor and

But Acom is promising more. By stripping the A-7000 of its monitor and hard disk drive, and by adding a high-speed modem, Acom executives say they can hit a retail price of less than \$500 for a machine that could provide access to the Internet and could perform most routine functions of a personal computer. They plan to ship such a device, called the Netsurfer, by early next year and are discussing licensing with American and Asian

Executives close to Oracle say the company is considering Acorn's machine as the

basis for an Internet computer. Neither Oracle nor Acom officials would comment, but Lawrence Ellison, Oracle's chairman and chief executive, has said that the company's proposed machine would probably use the ARM microprocessor produced by Acorn's sister company, Advanced RISC Machines Ltd. of Cambridge, England. Oracle and Acom are collabo- ogy is used to make a chip comparable only

LSI Logic to Introduce A Cheap Internet Chip

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatche MILPITAS, California - LSI Logic Corp. said Monday it would introduce a chip design that would enable low-cost computers to browse the Internet.

It said its "Internet on a Chip" chitecture was ready for design immedi-ately and could be in "high-volume pro-duction within weeks of the completion of the finished design.

The company said the price would be \$50 or less but did not say when the design would be finished. LSI said it had "all the technology available to make a sub-\$500 In-

ternet system a reality."
LSI's shares rose \$4.25, to \$44.75. The hardware now needed to link into the global Internet consists of several chips and

costs about \$1,500. The LSI chip, combined with a memory chip, would lay the foundation for an Internet device that could use a television set

LSI said it was in discussions with sev-eral customers, but it said none had agreed yet to build a product around the Internet chip.

(Remore Ricomban)

rating on a TV set-top box, as well.
"I don't think anybody can make the total system cost as low as we can," said Robin Saxby, Advanced RISC's president

and chief. "And you can have it today the other real issue is time to market." Advanced RISC's microprocessors employ reduced instruction set computing tech-

nology, which is commonly used to make the highest-performance chips by companies such as Sun and Silicon Graphics Inc. In Advanced RISC's case, the technol-

operating system software, so it does not have to pay licensing fees to Microsoft Corp. The operating system is loaded in read-only memory chips, which are less costly than random access memory chips.

chip in its Newton.

Microsoft.

'We have been forced through price competition to use every single trick we can find to square the circle of price per-formance against the behemoths, "said Peter Bondar, director of Acom's Applied RISC Technology unit.

At \$20, the ARM chip costs far less than Intel equivalents, and Acom uses its own

Acom early developed a method for displaying high-quality text on televisions because monitors were too costly for many PC buyers. That technology is directly applicable to the Netsurfer.

"Through these accidents of fate and evolution we've wound up with the ability to produce this simplified network computer at low cost," Mr. Bondar said.

Acom's own production capacity is small, but the ARM chip is already produced under license by manufacturers all over the world, including VLSI Technology Inc., Digital Equipment Corp., NEC Corp., Samsung Electronics Co. and Sharp Corp. Acorn is prepared to license the

computer design as well, Mr. Bondar said. While few Americans have seen an Acom computer, they are well regarded in Britain, where they are popular in

"The problem Acom has always had is because it is a U.K. company it has no profile in the United States," said Guy Kewney, a London correspondent for PC

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between 5 percent and 6 per-

to Intel Corp.'s 486DX2 but in a much smaller size and hence at a lower cost and No one knows exactly how with much lower power consumption. That much has been invested in this is why Apple Computer Inc. uses the ARM operation, but "it has spread like wildfire," said Pravin Acom uses the ARM chip as part of an Banker of Prabank Capital, a overall scheme to keep its prices below the money-management firm specompetition, which is based on Intel and

cializing in international bonds. The first to do this, he said, was John Meriwether, the former Salomon Brothers trader who now runs a hedge fund with David Mullins, a former

Fed governor. Others who followed, he said, were Paul Tudor Jones, George Soros's Quantum Fund and Julian Robertson of Tiger Invest-

Mr. Robertson publicly warned of the risk of this operation last month, saying Japan could change course quickly and raise rates as its economy improved, because that amount of monetary gasoline sprayed around will eventually catch fire."

But that would leave hedge-fund managers out on a limb, and, if history is any guide, Mr. Banker said, the funds would all try to dump their bonds at once, sending Treasury prices plummeting and rates soaring as they did in 1994.

Moreover, Mr. Banker said, this scheme is more risky than the previous one because it is not just a conversion from short-term to long-term dollar borrowing but involves several variables — interest rates and levels in two currencies, which

could diverge in an instant. pull out of the yen if it strength-

ens to 99," said Mr. Banker. Since many of them borrowed yen at 101 to the dollar, that would mean a 2 percent loss.
That could kill half the profit they expected over a year. Most of them want to make their money in only a few months, so they would run for the door and try to unwind their yen posi-

tions all at once."
Not all of Wall Street was as worried. Neal Soss, a hedge-fund manager and former Fed official, pointed out that because it took the Fed three years to go through its cycle of lowering rates, it would probably take just as long for Japan to revive its economy and banking system, which would allow ample time for U.S. hedge funds to move in and out without upsetting the bond and currency markets.

M Sun Paces Nasdaq Sun Microsystems led an advance in computer-related issues that sent the Nasdaq com-posite index to a record high,

news agencies reported.

The Nasdaq index rose 13.87 points to a record 1,069.18. Sun rose 51/2 to 891/4, lifted by its introduction of JavaScript, a

language for the internet.
The index also got a lift from Biogen, which surged 61/2 to 5914 after the Food and Drug Adminstration declared the company's multiple scierosis

drug safe and effective.
On the Big Board, General Motors rose 2 to 51% after naming its chairman, John F. Smith, to the additional post of chair-

man. Ford rose 1/s, to 291/4, and 'I've heard that funds will Chrysler rose 1/8, to 521/2. (Bloomberg, AP)

Weekend Box Office

LOS ANGELES -- "Toy Story" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$19 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday's ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

1. Toy Story	(Disney)	\$19:
2. Goldeneve	(United Artists)	591
3. Cosino	(Linwerson)	S6.3
4. Money Train	(Columbia)	\$6.1
5. Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls	(Warner Bros.)	\$5,71
6. The American President	(Columbia)	\$5.6
7. It Takes Two	(Warner Bros.)	521
8. White Man's Burden	(UGC)	\$1.8
9, Get Shorty	(United Artists)	\$1.7
10. Nick of Time	(Paramount)	\$1.61

NEW YORK - The dollar was mixed Monday as the Deutsche mark rose against other European currencies, scoring its biggest gains against the French franc amid concern that strikes

in France would lead to social unrest and prevent public-spending cuts. When the mark gains against European currencies, it generally rises against the dollar too, as speculators York.

seek all opportunities to buy marks, analysts said.

"As the situation in France deteriorates, people are buying the mark,

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and that's an anti-dollar move," said David DeRosa, director of currency trading at Swiss Bank Corp. in New

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The dollar closed at 1.4398 Deutsche marks, down from 1.4457 DM at the close Friday, but rose to

With France in Turmoil, a Rush to the Mark Hurts the Dollar

101.350 yen from 101.195 yen. The rally in U.S. bond prices, which sent yields on 30-year Treasury issues to a two-year low, helped the dollar pare some of its early losses. Rising bond prices help the dollar because non-U.S. investors generally must first purchase dollars to buy U.S. bonds.

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As for the franc, investors worried from \$1.5310. "The franc is very nat Prime Minister Alain Juppé of much in the headlines now that the that Prime Minister Alain Juppé of cut government spending, with publictransport strikes in their second week rgen Lindemann, foreign exchange and employees in other state-owned

companies prepared to strike. The dollar closed at 4.9938 French and at 1.1679 Swiss francs, down from 1.1775. The pound rose to \$1.5326

France would back down from plans to strikes have spread from the transport sector to other businesses," said Jümanager at Standard Chartered Bank in London.

"The mark is strong across the francs, down from 4.9980 on Friday, board, and that is hurting the dollar," said Tom Hoge, a currency trader at Bank of New York.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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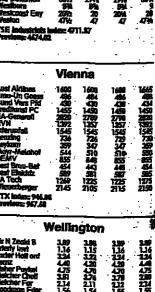
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PARIS - With its proposed joint train venture with GEC-Alsthorn apparently stalled, Siemens AG of Germany said Monday it would work with Lagardère Group SA of France to develop light railway systems.

Lagardere will put all the activities of its Matra Transport mit except a Taipei contract into the venture, effectively selling Siemens half of the unit, the companies said.

Terms of the transaction were not provided. Lagardère said the transaction would give it a pretax gain of 300 million francs (\$60 million).

In July, Siemens and GEC-Alsthorn, the British-French manufacturer of France's high-speed TGV trains, announced they were investigating working together to build a newgeneration TGV, but the venture seems to be moving alowly. GEC-Alsthorn, for example, has refused to share tech-

nology with Siemens, and analysts said they did not expect any major developments in the next few years. If it wins approval from the European Union, the Siemens-Lagardère venture, to be based in Paris, would be formally established in 1996, the companies said. The venture would

also sell Siemens transportation systems in France. Siemens is already a partner with Daimler-Benz AG's AEG unit in the consortium that builds Germany's highspeed Inter-City Express trains.

The new venture would be headed by Wolfram Martinsen of Siemens and Prédéric d'Allest of Lagardère.

"Matra enriches our range of products, particularly in the area of automatic trains, where it's a world leader," Mr. Martinsen said in a statement.

For Lagardère, the accord will bring "a vast, well-de-veloped international network and complementary technologies," Mr. d'Allest said.
"The new company will offer more to our clients."

Lagardère's Matra transport unit has suffered from weakening sales and orders. Sales dropped to 491 million French francs in 1994 from 1

billion francs in 1993. Lagardère shares rose 0.20 francs, to 95.65. Siemens shares fell 4 Deutsche marks, to 757 (\$522_32).

(AFX, Bloomberg)

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Littlewoods Is Target of a New Offer

Bloomberg Business News LONDON - N. Brown Group PLC and Iceland Group PLC said Monday they had joined forces to launch a £1.1 billion (\$1.68 billion) bid for Littlewoods Organisation PLC, the second offer for Britain's largest privately owned company in four months.

Barry Dale, Littlewoods' oosted chief ex-

ecutive, made an unsolicited bid of the same amount in August for the Liverpool-based operator of football pools, home-shopping businesses and retail shops.

"When N. Brown starts to make an offer, they're not just playing games," said Henry Blyth, a retail analyst at the London brokerage concern Gilbert Eliot & Co. "N. Brown has a very realistic and hard-headed team that could make something" of the home shopping business, he said.

Littlewoods has yet to confirm that it is for sale, analysts said. The company's 32 shareholders, all descendants of the company's founder, Sir John Moores, are to vote Thursday on whether they will release majority of shareholders must agree to re-each of Kvaerner's 8.125 percent unsethe firm's financial accounts and accept formal offers.

N. Brown, a retailer that sells through

for Littlewoods' chain stores and asso- centers in 1937. ciated retail properties.

and new N. Brown shares, with a full-cash shopping division accounted for 63 percent alternative. It said it would finance the cash of total profit. offer with new debt.

shareholders to maintain a stake in the That makes the bid more attractive than Mr. Dale's bid, he said.

emerge, although he said that was "purely speculation" at this point. Shares in N. Brown, which said it made

the part-cash, part-share offer three weeks Kvaemer. ago, rose 8 pence to close at 274. Shares in Iceland closed at 161, unchanged. According to Littlewoods' covenants, a

lease the books and formally place the company on the auction block, then 75 percent (equal to 92 pence a share) or a cash approval is needed for a bid to be accepted.

and catalogue businesses. Iceland, which owns food stores, would pay £450 million ping in 1932 and opened retail stores in city

Last year the company had profit of £116 N. Brown said the sale would be for cash million on sales of £2.73 billion. Its home-

The offer would allow Littlewoods' Nissho Is Buying AMEC Stock nareholders to maintain a stake in the Nissho Iwai Corp. of Japan said it had home-shopping business, which has po- been buying shares in the British engitential to grow, said Rodney Forrest, a neering and construction company AMEC retail analyst at Crédit Lyonnais Securities. PLC, which has been a target of a hostile takeover bid by the Norwegian shipbuilder Kvaerner A/S, The Associated Press re-Mr. Blyth said other bidders could ported from Tokyo.

A spokesman for the Japanese trading house said its purchase had not been aimed at countering a £375 million cash bid by

AMEC on Monday advised holders of its preference shares to reject what was said to be an imminent offer of £1 nominal for (equal to 92 pence a share) or a cash alternative of 90 pence a preference share, catalogues, said it would pay about £650
Littlewoods was founded in 1923 by Sir
Reuters reported. Kvaerner has already bid
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LONDON - Scottish

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Monday that profit rose 6

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Oct. 29, up from £145.2 million a year earlier. Sales rose to £1.35 billion from

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said its results for the full

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It said the charges should result in annual sav-

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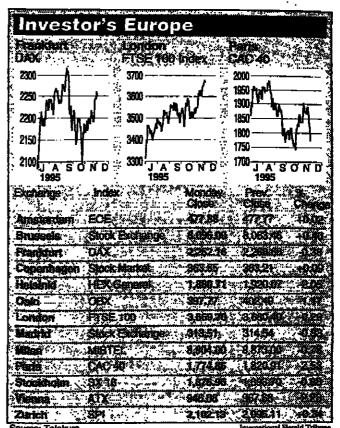
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Welsh Water to Buy Electrical Firm

LONDON — Welsh Water PLC agreed Monday to buy South Wales Electricity PLC in a cash and stock deal valued at £872 million (\$1.33 billion), squelching expectations of a hostile bid for the regional electric company.

Speculation that Welsh Water would make a hostile bid was prompted last week after talks between the two utilities appeared to break down. The two sides had been squabbling over the value of South Wales Electricity.

South Wales said it would recommend Welsh Water's offer to shareholders, and analysts said the bid was fair.

Welsh Water finished 16 pence higher, at 703, a share.

while South Wales rose 57, to £11.65. Welsh Water's offer values South Wales at 940

pence a share. The offer will be made on the basis of one new Welsh Water ordinary share and £40.25 in cash for every five South Wales shares. There will be a cash alternative for 930 pence a

Welsh Water said its offer would allow South Wales Electricity shareholders to retain their stake in National Grid Group PLC, the electricity transmission system that is being sold to public investors next week.

If the value of the grid is included, Welsh Water said, the value of its bid would be £11.34 (AP, AFX)

Very briefly: **Hot Summer** Lifts Profit For

 Crédit Foncier de France called off a takeover of the realestate developer Immeubles de France SA after regulatory authorities said the move could hurt IDF's minority shareholders.

 Soedra Skogsaegarna AB, Mo Och Domsjoe AB, SCA AB, Stora Cell AB and other Swedish forestry stocks fell on analysts reports that the effective benchmark pulp price is \$925 a metric ton, down from \$1,000 on Friday.

Workers at Ringnes AS, a Norwegian brewery that lost a franchise to sell Coca-Cola Co, products in Sweden, announced a boycott of Coke products starting Dec. 18.

• Karstadt AG, one of Germany's largest department-store chains, said it would buy a 25 percent stake in IPURI GmbH, a German clothing retailer.

 Shell Petroleum NV, one of the holding companies of Royal Dutch/Shell Group, agreed with Perenco to sell all its share in NV Turkse Shell, which holds exploration acreage and producing assets in southeastern Turkey.

 Deutsche Postbank AG expects 1995 net profit to rise to 200 million Deutsche marks (\$138 million) from 51 million DM a year earlier. The company cited cost-cutting measures and a new

 Kolbenschmidt AG's pretax profit rose to 63 million DM in the year ended in September from 14 million DM a year earlier, and the company cited good market development and cost-cutting measur: Sales rose 7 percent 34 billion DM. Philips Electronics NV's semiconductors division said its

guilders (\$40.2 million) to expand production. Investcorp, a Bahrain-based investment company, sold its 19.1 percent stake in TLG PLC, the holding company of Thorn

transistors and diodes product group is investing 65 million

Lighting Co. of Britain. • BTR PLC bought Signalling Control UK for £39.5 million (\$60.6 million). The business is one of the two signal and contract

businesses formed as part of the privatization of state-owned

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Forte Plans Restaurant Spin-Off to Counter Bid

LONDON - Forte PLC, seeking to ward off a hostile £3.3 billion (\$5 billion) bid from Granada Group PLC, said lems included declining earnings per Monday it would sell its restaurant dishare and net assets in the past five vision and its 68 percent stake in the years, caused in part by the sale of cash-Savoy hotel chain,

The move is Rocco Forte's latest counterattack in a bitter battle to keep on Nov. 22, offering four new Granada dispo control of the family-founded business. shares and £23.25 for every 15 Forte PLC. Granada wants to acquire Forte, the shares. Forte closed Monday at 339 largest British hotelier, to bolster its gence, down 2, while Granada closed at step" in the company's plan to conleisure division, which includes Britain's ...652, up 1.

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Granada launched its assault on Forte

The restaurant company will operate

include the Little Chef, Happy Eater, Welcome Break and Cote France. Forte has not yet decided how it will dispose of its stake in Savoy Hotels

mainly in Britain and France and will

Mr. Forte called the sales a "natural centrate on its hotel business.

third-largest contract catering business. Forte aims to group all its restaurants

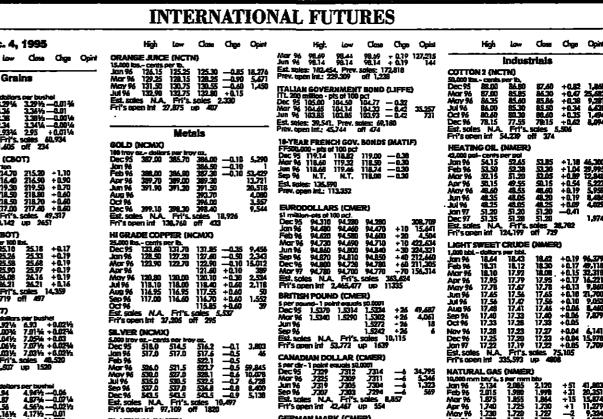
But Gerry Robinson, chairman of in a single independent company that pany has been strengthening its two Granada, said the Forte plans were an will be floated on the London Stock main businesses," Mr. Forte said.

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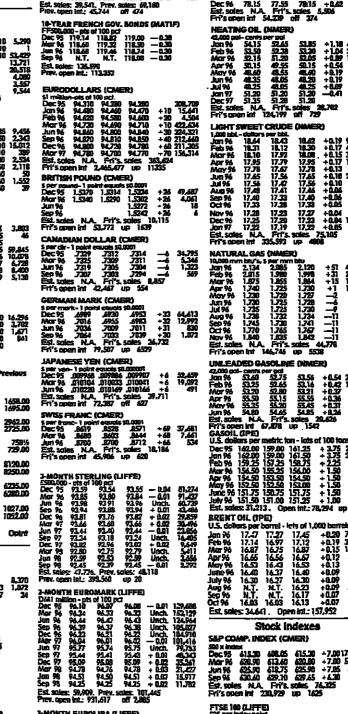
"This has been a major priority for nothing" to solve the company's fun- one share in the company for each Forte the new management team. The demerger of the restaurants business is the natural next step in this process, which will create two focused companies each with very exciting prospects, providing pure investment opportunities."

The company said cashing out of Savoy would allow it to expand its Meridien hotel chain, which it bought from Air France in November 1994. In a separate move, Forte over the

weekend said it had sold its Lillywhites sports goods retailer for £28.5 million to Jeronimo Martins, a Portuguese retail-(Reuters, AFP, AFX, Bloomberg)



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Consumer Spending Lifts Japan's 2d-Quarter Growth

But Economy Is Still Mired in a Slump

projects helped the economy post greater-than-expected growth in the fiscal second tinues to struggle to emerge growth environment. from a four-year slump.

0.2 percent in the three months target for the year ending ended Sept. 30, compared with March 31 is unachievable, said ended Sept. 30, compared with the previous quarter, the gov-ernment said. Economists had forecast that GDP would de- Japan would probably manage cline 0.1 percent. On an an-nualized basis, Japan's econ-omy expanded 0.6 percent in bigher growth in the following year probable.

GDP is the total value of a nation's output produced within its horders.

Nearly offsetting its gains, however, were declining in-vestment in housing, weak corporate investment in equipment and the strong yen's drag on exports, the Economic Planning Agency said.

TOKYO — Consumer economy is stagmant; it's that sales of automobiles and cloth-spending and public-works most of the chief components of ing had helped the expansion. GDP are offsetting each other," said Chris Calderwood, post greater-than-expected er," said Chris Calderwood, growth in the fiscal second chief economist at BZW Sequarter, the government said curities in Tokyo. "We're still Monday, but the country con- in a roughly zero to 1 percent

Gross domestic product grew ed that its 2.8 percent growth Makoto Kobayashi, vice minister of the agency. He said

For the half-year, Japan's economy expanded 0.4 percent, the same average growth rate it had from 1992 to 1994. Japan's stock and bond markets had closed for the day when

the data were released. Consumption, which acfell 1.9 percent from the pre-counted for 60.1 percent of vious quarter, while housing in-

"The problem is not that the vious quarter. Officials said

sumption will accelerate, because unemployment remains a concern." Mr. Kobayashi said. Japan's jobless rate has been stuck at a record high of 3.2 percent for five months as companies have reduced bloated

Public investment in projects such as roads, bridges and sewers rose 5.7 percent in the second quarter. The rise reflected government stimulus packages enacted over the last three years.

The government has pumped a total of 66 trillion yen (\$647 billion) into the economy since 1992. While that money has not sparked a recovery yet, it has kept Japan's economy from shrinking, economists say.

Corporate capital investment fell 1.9 percent from the pregrowth in the second quarter, vestment, a bright spot in 1993 rose 1.2 percent from the pre- and 1994, fell 5.7 percent.

Tokyo Stocks Hit 10-Month High

TOKYO - Stock prices climbed to a 10month high Monday amid optimism that govemment measures and lower interest rates could steer Japan's financial system out of its crisis.

"We can expect the government to give its solution to our financial troubles this month," said Shigemi Nonaka, who manages 600 billion yen (\$5.8 billion) as managing director of Sakura Asset Management.

"It's just the beginning, but it will keep the bad-debt problem from haunting the market." The Nikkei Stock Index rose as high as 19,062.18 before falling back to close at 18,897.37, a gain of 64.27 points, or 0.34 percent, its highest close since Jan. 19.

Gainers led decliners by 675 to 372, with 161 stocks unchanged. Trading was moderately active, with turnover estimated at 360 million

shares valued at about 333.6 billion ven. Spurred by advances in banking, brokerage and insurance issues, the Topix index rose 5.06

points, or 0.34 percent, to 1,502.71. Banking shares rose 0.93 percent amid hopes that lower interest rates would help lift profits at Japanese banks. Sumitomo Bank Ltd. rose 40 yen, to 2,060; Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. rose 30, to 1,940; Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. rose 30, to

.300; and Sakura Bank Ltd. rose 20, to 1,150. Traders said banks also had been spurred by hopes for new financial reforms. They said the government was expected to unveil a plan this the month outlining further measures for dealing with Japan's ailing housing-loan companies.

Real estate shares, which rose 1.50 percent, were also lifted by hopes that government help for ailing lenders would help the property market.
(Bloomberg, AFX)

Chinese Farmers Bear the Brunt of Agriculture Policy

LONGYAO, China — said, a 50 percent increase,
The harvest is over, and Lu while pesticide costs are up Xindong squishes rotting cabbage leaves underfoot on one of his tiny plots.

It will be another big grain harvest this year in China, but Mr. Lu and other farmers say they will see little profit from it. High prices for fertilizer and pesticide and a govern-ment policy that makes them plant less profitable cotton mean Mr. Lu will not turn a profit this year. Instead he will have to pay a fine.

"Agriculture will stay where it is for another 50 years,'' he says. Beijing is caught between the need to supply cheap cot-ton to keep 16 million people

employed in state-owned

cotton mills and keeping the

farmers happy.
At stake is nothing less than China's ability to feed itself cheaply, as well as social stability as the income gap between city people and farmers widens, and stem-

The bleak prospects for the farmers of Longyao, a Hubei Province viliage of 5,000 people 300 miles (480 kilometers) grew faster than city people's

across China last year, the was allowing to start up.
government promised to lend "The difference between government promised to lend one-third more than last year official and market prices for agriculture. That is \$2.5 billion for irrigation projects and for pesticide and fertilizer factories to upgrade and operate more cheaply.

"Fertilizer prices are up this year from \$2.40 to \$3.60

for 50 kilograms," Mr. Lu only 20 percent.

Mr. Lu's toiling produced only 2.5 metric tons of com and wheat from the acre and a half allotted to his family because he had to plant part of the land in cotton. The nine people who live in his brick house are all that grain. Mr. Lu, 49, lives with his

mother, mother-in-law, wife, two grown children, his son's wife and their two children. Even if he had grain left to sell, it is unlikely he could get a good price for it. Last year, China's grain

crop, the second-biggest on record, fell 2.5 percent from the year before because of floods and droughts. That sent inflation soaring 24 percent last year, as about half the consumer price index tracks the price of food.

Determined to trim inflation this year, the government has stepped up efforts to hold down grain prices, said Han ming the flood of farmers
streaming into the cities in
search of better lives.

Jun, an associate professor of
the Institute of Rural Development.

In a study on China's economy for Salomon Brothers Inc., Mr. Han says Beijing demands state-owned food southwest of Beijing, contrast retailers and wholesalers buy with government announce- as much as 80 percent of ments that farmers' income farmers' output at low prices set by the government. That has squashed many of the free After the grain harvest fell markets that the government

ranges from 40 percent to 100 percent, especially for com and paddy rice," Mr. Han said. "Such a big gap between official and market prices implies that farmers are actually paying a hidden tax."

Fairfax -Rises on **Bid Talk**

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SYDNEY — Shares in the
newspaper publisher John Fairfax Holdings Ltd. rose Monday
on speculation that the company's second biggest shareholder,
financier Kerry Packer, is positioning himself to make a bid
for the company to make a sid for the company, investors said. Fairfax closed 15 cents higher, at 2.85 Australian dollars

"Packer would love to own Fairfax," said Jeff Harrison, an analyst at Armstrong Jones Investment Management.
"The only thing that's stop-

ping him at the moment are the

Cross-media ownership laws currently prevent Mr. Packer from owning more than his cur-rent stake of about 17 percent in Fairfax as long as he controls Nine Network Australia, a commercial television network that broadcasts to cities where Fairfax owns newspapers.

It was talk that Mr. Packer had found a way around those laws that fueled the rise in Fairfax shares Monday, investors said.

A set of agreements between Mr. Packer and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. in recent weeks has led to speculation that Mr. Packer may eventually sell some of his TV assets to News Corp., enabling Mr. Pack-er to make a bid for Fairfax.

Shares in Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd., which is controlled by Mr. Packer, closed 25 cents higher at 5.00. Fairfax's biggest sharehold-er is the Canadian media executive Conrad Black, who owns 25 percent. Mr. Black wants to own more but cannot because he is restricted by foreign media ownership laws.

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Very briefly:

Singapore Telecommunications Ltd. plans to cut international direct-dial telephone rates by as much as 11 percent to Austria, Denmark, Greece, Israel, Norway, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa and United Arab Emirates.

Armstrong Industrial Corp. received seven times as many applications as needed to sell about 40 million shares to the public in its initial offering. The maker of foam and rubber products aims to raise 9.8 million Singapore dollars (\$6.9 million).

 Japan's gross domestic product is likely to post only 1 percent growth in the year to March 1996, compared with the gov-ernment's target of 2.8 percent, the director of the Economic Planning Agency said.

• Sanyo Electric Co. plans to invest about 2 billion yen (\$196 million) in its Sanyo Semiconductor (Thailand) Co. subsidiary by the end of next year to increase production of bipolar largescale integrated circuits and transistors.

 Asian shipowners urged governments in pirate-prone areas to step up patrolling to stem piracy in the South China Sea.

 Hopewell Holdings Co. and Kowloon Motor Bus Co. plan to provide bus services on the highway that Hopewell built between Guangzhou and Shenzhen starting in 1996.

 Automobiles Pengeot SA and its Indian partner, Premier Automobiles Ltd., plan to raise \$74.5 million through an issue of shares in their joint venture to fund expansion.

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Bombay Exchange Refuses to Let Reliance Delist

BOMBAY — The stock exchange rejected an effort Monday by India's largest private company, Reliance Industries Ltd., to remove its stock from the exchange. The exchange's board instead urged the company to reconsider its request.

on the Bombay index, told the exchange last week that it wanted to delete its listing. The exchange suspended Reliance shares from trading for three days last month, saying the textile and petrochem-

shares. Reliance denies any wrongdoing.

asked Reliance to reconsider its request, a exchange can win removal from the index.

company spokesman said. The brokers fear that the removal of Reliance, which accounts for 11 percent of the Bombay stock index, would render the index meaningless

The brokers also planned to ask the exchange's directors to reach a compromise Reliance, the most heavily weighted stock with Reliance. The Economic Times newspaper said a "face-saving formula" was being worked out."

The Reliance spokesman would not

A group of top Indian stockbrokers pany with a second listing on a regional with Marlin Partners.

Reliance recently joined the National Stock Exchange, which covers hundreds of brokers in several Indian cities, and the bulk of trading in Reliance has already shifted to that exchange.

Reliance said the national exchange would serve as its regional exchange -the one nearest to a listed company's head office. But some brokers contest Reliance's assertion that the National is the relevant regional exchange.

(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

BEER: Foster's Corporate Diet

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has increased by just over 4 percent, apparently because investors have been impressed with the company's consolidation and anticipate a return to the expansion trail.

But Raewyn Ellis-Doff, an analyst at Macquarie Equities Ltd. in Sydney, said that to push the share price up substantially, the company needed to "make a decent acquisition with good growth prospects that investors find attractive.'

Mr. Kunkel said that Foster's reparded Asia as "a major future area of economic expansion and consequently the area of main potential beer consumption growth." But he warned that while the

group's initial strategy for gainin place, "it should be recognized that such development is long term in nature.'

The China brewing venture wide.

would probably not be prof-itable until "the turn of the cen-

tury", he added. Broken Hill Pty. is Foster's main shareholder, with a 37 percent stake. Asahi Breweries Ltd. of Japan is second, with a 17 percent stake.

■ Australia Stocks Gain Australian shares posted their biggest one-day gains since July on a favorable reaction to Broken Hill Pty.'s takeover bid for Magma Copper Co., Bloomberg Business News reported from

The benchmark All-Ordinar ies index rose to a 22-month high. It gained 1.83 percent, to 2,202.80.

Broken Hill's \$2.4 billion agreed takeover bid for Magma of the United States, announced ing a foothold in the region was Friday, was expected to raise its earnings per share and focusing international investors on the value of copper miners world-

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Court Seeks Leeson Papers

SINGAPORE — The British lawyer for the jailed futures trader Nicholas Leeson has received an order from a Singapore court to hand over on request all documents linked to the collapse of Barings PLC, legal sources said.

Singapore's investigation of the collapse of the British merchant bank in February under debts of \$1.4 billion is likely to widen, the sources said.

urday on two charges of cheating linked to the bank's demise.

Singapore's white-collar crime bureau, the Commercial Affairs Department of the Ministry of Finance, has not ruled out further

court order Saturday requiring him to produce all documents linked to the bank's collapse, the sources said.

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been amended in order to include the following changes; With effect from September 15, 1995, the shares of the SICAV are valued twice a month, on the 15th and last calendar day of

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A delisting would make no difference to Bombay's rules say a decision to remove overseas investors, as they would be able to ical company had wrongly reissued 40,000 a stock is entirely up to the exchange. But buy or sell on the National Stock Exgovernment guidelines suggest that a com- change, said Navinder Sahni, a consultant

Mr. Leeson was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in jail Sat-

charges against others involved in Barings. Stephen Pollard, the lawyer for Mr. Leeson, was served with a

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SAUDI ARABIA

NEW CHALLENGES, FRESH APPROACHES

Saudi Arabia is at a turning point in its development.

ust as it seemed as though raised a war chest of more the kingdom was getting than \$55 billion to help free back on its economic feet Kuwait from the Iraqis. and once again commanding international confidence after announcing a \$6 billion Although the kingdom has deal to buy new U.S.-made passenger jets, a bomb de-stroyed a U.S. military training facility in Riyadh, killing a number of personnel, including several Americans. The effects of last month's blast, which caught the security forces completely off-guard, reverber-ated beyond the Kingdom and the Gulf.

It has finally raised doubts. about the mid-term internal stability of the country in the minds of international observers, as radical movements both at home and abroad now openly question the government's policies.

This year has seen major changes in Saudi Arabia, which is probably about to face one of the most critical periods in its socioeconomic es in the costs of utility serdevelopment since the modern state was created in 1932 by King Ibn Saud. The situation has been exacerbated ever since the end of Desert Storm in 1991, when Saudi Arabia allowed the stationing of U.S. and other coalition troops on its soil and

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Oil and jobs

25 percent of the world's oil resources and pumps an average of 8.3 million barrels of oil a day, lower world oil prices have made a dent in its annual revenues of approximately \$38 billion. A rapidly growing population, now said to be more than 17 million and expected to reach 20 million by the end of the decade, is causing severe problems on the employment front.
While immense efforts

fle, a big shake-up in the civil service (it employs 3 million) and indications of more have been made to diversify the economy away from oil, favorable economic progress employment has become a in spite of lower per capita income (now about \$7,000) major issue, with a need to create at least 200,000 new as well as a substantial rise jobs each year. Government in domestic debt to more subsidies to farmers and oththan \$100 billion, according ers are being reduced, there to the Washington-based Pehave been swinging increastroleum Finance Co. Hamad Saud Al-Sayari, governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), assured vices and there is once again discussion about introducing new forms of indirect taxabusinessmen in an October tion. This has created severe address that the economy tensions among the popuwas healthy in spite of reports of a budget deficit, and there was little or no foreign There are encouraging debt. "Saudi Arabia...is still

precedented cabinet reshuf-

Conditions for growth Osama bin Jaafar bin

signs, however, that the government is trying to come to a substantial net creditor to the world," added the governor. Earlier this year, a \$4.5 billion sovereign loan to help pay Desert Storm costs was repaid.

The spaceship-style Ministry of the Interior building (above) - only slightly more futuristic than one of Saudia's wide-bodied jets. Sixty-one new planes are now on order.

grips with some of the prob-lems. There has been an un-

merce, has stated that the government will tackle budgetary issues, boost economic stability and create condi-New faces tions for sustainable growth. He added: "The economy is looking up, the riyal is stable, export earnings are rising and the trade-balance

surplus is increasing." On the down side, oil prices have leveled off at an average of well below \$20 a barrel, dashing hopes of any windfall oil revenues. Defense expenditures continue, in spite of some budget cuts, to top the \$100 billion mark over the last five years. In the summer cabinet

reshuffle, several familiar figures among the old guard, like Hisham M. Nazer, minister for petroleum and mineral resources, were swept aside. They have been replaced by a younger team of Western-educated technocrats who may have the drive and determination to roll back the carpet of bureaucracy, end interminister-Ibrahim Faqih, the newly ial wrangling and get on with the task of nudging the

kingdom forward into the 21st century.

King Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud said of the minister-ial upheaval: "The outgoing ministers performed their tasks so well and for such a long time that one thought they would be very hard to replace. But fortunately the kingdom is full of remarkably accomplished and trust-

worthy individuals." One of them is Ali Naimi, the first Saudi-born president of Aramco, who replaces Hisham Nazer and Abdul-Aziz bin Abdullah Al-Khoweiter, who took over as minister of finance and the national economy following the resignation after only a few weeks of Solaiman Abdel Aziz Al-Solaim. Twenty members of the new cabinet have Ph.D.s, and are an average of 10 years younger than the outgoing "old guard." Times are clearly changing in the kingdom.

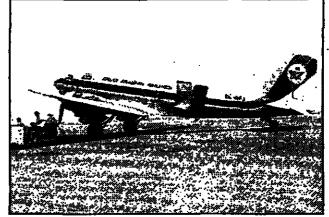
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THE RISE OF SAUDIA: Now Serving 50 Countries

Franklin Roosevelt gave King Saud an airplane and started an international airline.

ifty years ago, King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, was given a single Douglas DC-3 aircraft, which was to be the start of the kingdom's national air-line, Saudia. The Dakota was a gift from President Franklin Roosevelt. Today, the airline has more than 100 jets and has just finalized a \$6 billion contract to buy 61 new planes from Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. It is one of the biggest single orders in the history of aviation.

Saudia, one of the largest airlines in the world, serves more than 50 countries and carries around 12 million passengers a year. In recent years the company, which has moved into its new

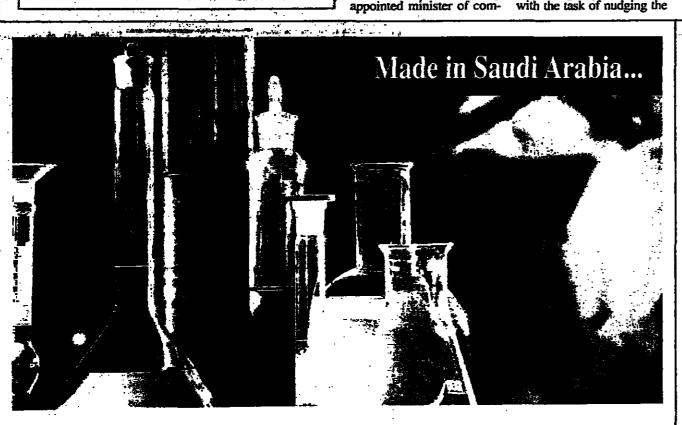


Birth of an airline, 1945 - the first Dakota.

had both operational and economic difficulties. Last year, Khaled A. Ben-Bakr was appointed as the new director-general with

headquarters in Jeddah, has the task of reshaping the company for its jubilee year. He is credited with having helped push through the deal

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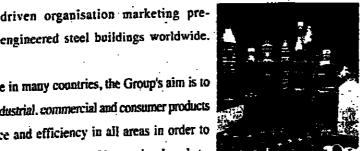


In 1991 the Zamii Group exported to over 20 countries. Four years later, that number has more than doubled to 43 countries worldwide. Zamil Air-Conditioning, Zamil Steel and Zamil Plastics are just three of the Groups leading export companies.



Zamil Air Conditioners, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, has transformed itself from a maker of air conditioners to an autonomous, highly motivated, fully equipped manufacturing company. Zamil Plastics has, in less than 15 years, grown into a market leader in the manufacture of plastics for the world market while Zamil Steel has matured from a regional manufacturer to a global, customerdriven organisation marketing pre-

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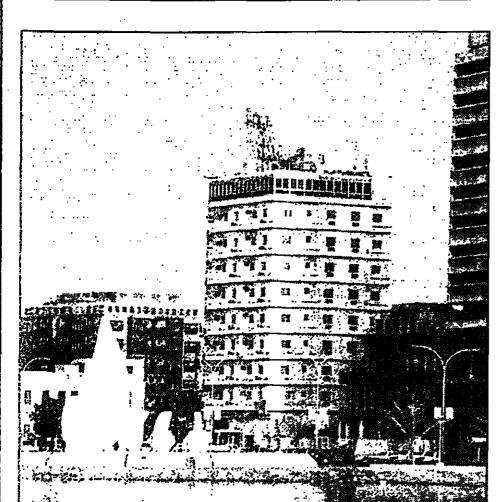
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BANKING: HIGHER PROFITS AND WIDER SCOPE

With Saudi Arabia's financial health improving, its banks are encountering new opportunities, particularly in the private sector.

quarters of this year, ending in September, show that the sector continues to expand, with profits generally showing increases above, or even well above, the norms elsewhere. The combined assets of the kingdom's 11 joint stock banks reached 266.4 billion rivals (\$71 billion) at the end of the period, just under 5 percent higher than the 253.8 billion riyals recorded at the end of September 1994. Together with those of the privately owned National Commercial Bank (NCB), which does not report interim results, the total assets of the sector could reach the equivalent of \$90 billion or more by the end of

Strong gains Although the sector has traditionally been led by institutions like the Saudi American Bank, Al-Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation and Rivad Bank as well as NCB, both the saudi Investment Bank (SIB) and the Saudi Cairo Bank (SCB) made especially strong gains this year. SIB reported that its total assets amounted to 7.8 billion riyals at the end of the third quarter, a rise of 25.8 percent in the preceding

Profits were also up, with both Al-Rajhi, which acts as an Islamic banking institution, and Riyad Bank showing particularly impressive borrowing to finance its performances. Al-Rajhi's deficits is straining bank bal-

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million rivals at the end of with such paper, as are rising September, compared with 656.4 rivals a year earlier. This represented a rise of 22.3 percent, just ahead of Riyad Bank, where profits increased 22.2 percent to new manufacturing ventures reach 683 million rivals, and infrastructural projects reach 683 million riyals, compared with 559 million rivals at the end of September 1994. In contrast, two both Sau-

di American Bank (Samba)

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(ANB) showed declining earnings for the period, with Samba down by 2.9 percent and ANB by 4.7 percent. Both, however, remain among the best-performing banks in the kingdom in terms of return on equity (ROE) and return on assets (ROA). The latest comparable figures available show that in 1994 SAMBA recorded a remarkable ROE of 27.91 percent and an equally healthy ROA of 2.33 percent. For ANB, the respective figures were 16.1 percent and 1.32 percent. Both are well above the levels reported by many larger banks in the world's major money centers.

Fruits of development While the past few years have seen the sector profit from providing funds to the Saudi government in the form of development bonds and from a rapid growth in loans to customers, these activities have lost some of their luster. Government

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international interest rates. Instead, analysts say that future opportunities are likely to come from providing loans to the private sector for such as power and water, as well as from the capital markets. Lending to private in-dustry, they note, will need to increase as government subsidies are lowered, as well as to overcome shortterm cash-flow problems caused by late government payments. In addition, the growth of new small and medium-sized enterprises. many of which are already expanding their exports to the region, is opening up new opportunities for a vari-

The provision of project

finance for infrastructure is also expected to increase substantially as the govern-ment looks for other ways to reduce its expenditure. With demand for both electricity and desalinated water rising rapidly, analysts say the government could be looking for finance to build projects in these areas worth some \$10 billion by the end of the century. While progress has been slow so far, the banks are anticipating a greater role for the private sector in the construction, financing and operation of these projects.

Moves toward privatization should also contribute to a rise in the local stock

market and in capital market activity in general. "Banks should take advantage of the intended privatization program to grow their markets and introduce more creative financing," maintains Saud Saleh al-Saleh, general manager of SIB. "They shouldn't be followers but originators in developing the capital market, providing a vehicle for the growth of the

private sector. As many bankers in the kingdom are aware, these opportunities also bring new challenges. Foremost among these is the need for sophisticated management capable of assessing risk and of op-erating in a highly competi-tive environment, both regionally and globally.

Pameia Ann Smith

STOCK MARKET: THIRSTY FOR SHARES

The Saudi stock market continues to attract however, has held back growth, analysts substantial investment, although those outside the kingdom are still awaiting confirmation that both privatization and an opening to foreign involvement is going abead. Reforms to improve trading procedures are also being considered as part of an effort to make the exchange more attractive to both individual and institutional investors.

So far this year, the stock market has performed well, rising by almost 10 percent. The index compiled by the National Center for Financial and Economic Information topped the 142 mark on Nov. 1, compared with just under 130 on Jan. 1. After a slowdown in trading earlier in the year, bank shares have rallied on the back of good third-quarter returns.

A shortage of liquidity in the market,

say, with the result that some observers do not expect the current performance to improve further until more shares become available. This in turn is fueling pressure on the government to move ahead quickly

with its promised program of privatization.

According to a recent study carried out
by the Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the Eastern Province, the government holds almost 280 million shares, representing just under 42 percent of the total number of listed equities. In terms of value, the state's holdings amount to 44 percent of the total shares available for trading.

As the Chamber notes, "These figures reflect the profound impact the government privarization move is bound to have on the

COMPANY UPDATES

• AMCO: New factory. Health care, medical products and pharma-part of the AMCO group, and hopes ceuticals are big business in Saudi Arabia, which is one of the largest consumers of these items in the Middle East. The local market is estimated to be worth between \$1 bi!lion and \$2 billion annually. Several new manufacturing plants are under construction in the kingdom. Taylor Woodrow International of Britain is building a \$26 million factory for the Al-Haya Medical Co., part of the AMCO group in Riyadh. One of the main partners is the Aggad Invest-

Khalid W. Kayyali, deputy manond Industrial City, and will include a processing and bottling line and a warehouse. The total area of the site is 15,000 square meters. Production is expected to begin by June of next year. The factory will be operated by

part of the AMCO group, and hopes to be manufacturing about 120 different pharmaceutical products. These will include ovules, suppositories, syrups, creams, ointments, gels and gelatin and possibly antibi-

 NSCSA: Customized shipping. The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia, which was established in 1979, is now one of the largest fleet operators in the world, with ships ranging from roll-on-roll-off container vessels to special product

It is also a major shareholder in aging director of Al-Haya, says the plant is being constructed at the Sec-(NCC), founded in 1990, operates II chemical tankers with a total of 270,000 deadweight tonnage. Nine are operated under a pool agreement with the Norwegian company Storli, making it the second-largest petro-

is now increasing its fleet of new chemical carriers.

Since December last year, two tankers have already been launched, and a third is due for delivery next year. This will bring the total number of NCC's tankers to 14, which increases the total deadweight tonnage to 380,000 tons.

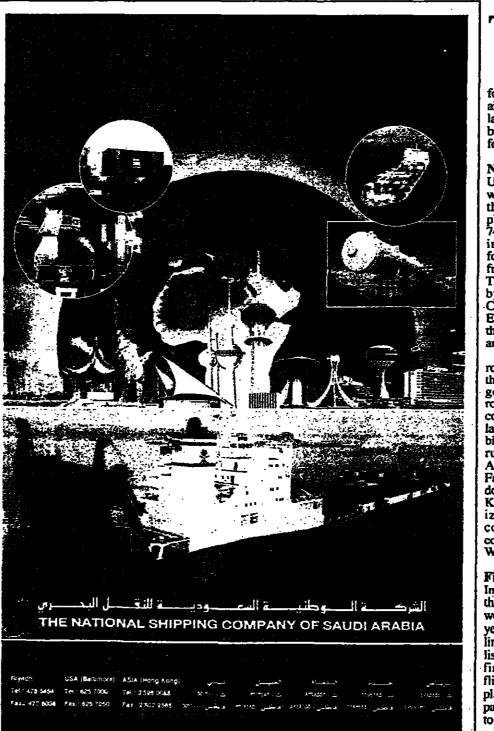
NSCSA is also having five VL-CCs (very large crude carriers) built in Japan by Mitsubishi Heavy Indus-tries. These will have a number of special safety features, including a double-skin hull around the fuel tank structure. Each ship will be able to carry 2.1 million barrels of crude oil four vessels could carry the whole of one day's oil production in the kingdom.

A.H. Al-Zamil Group: A Family Affair. "Strength through diversity" has been the key to the growth of the A.H. Al-Zamil Group, one of the

chemical carrier in the world. NCC kingdom's leading industrial and commercial groups. It was founded in the 1930s by Abdullah Hamad Al-Zamil, and today 10 of his sons are directors of the group, which employs more than 10,000.

Al-Zamil's main activities range from manufacturing air-conditioners to food processing, plastics, steel fabrication, stained glass production and travel services. Through many international affiliate organizations it is also involved in banking, industrial investment, petrochemicals, paint, vegetable oil production, feacing systems and packaging.

With the development of industrialization during the 1970s, the com-pany has grown rapidly, and there has been a surge of further activity since 1991. At that time, the Al-Zamil group exported to more than 20 countries; now the number has risen to 43 countries worldwide.



THE RISE OF SAUDIA

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for the purchase of the new aircraft, which was finalized last month by Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, the Saudi defense and aviation minister.

New equipment U.S. President Bill Clinton

was presented with a copy of the contract order for 61 planes. These include five 747s and 23 777s from Boeing, and 29 MD-90s and four MD-11 freight carriers from McDonnell Douglas. The engines will be supplied by Pratt and Whitney in Connecticut and General Electric in Ohio. Delivery of the aircraft will start in 1997 and continue through 2002.

Aviation has played a key role in the development of the kingdom, which until a generation ago had few roads, leaving much of the country geographically isolated. Back in 1933, the Arabian Oil Company, the fore-runner of today's Saudi Aramco, brought a small Fairchild 71 into the kingdom to use for survey work. King Saud immediately realized how useful a plane could be in establishing communications, but World War II intervened.

First international flight In 1945, following the gift of the first Dakota, two more were acquired; the following year the Saudi Arabian Airlines Corporation was established. In October 1946, the first official international flight - to Palestine - took place. Since then, the company has gone from strength to strength.

Today, Saudia is a multi-

national force employing a total of about 24,000 people around the world. In addition to its international ser-



Saudia's director-general, Khaled A. Ben-Bakr.

vices, it operates a very extensive domestic network covering about 24 destinations throughout the king-

Some of the airports in Saudi Arabia are among the finest in the world, having been designed to serve rapidly growing international traffic. Much of the credit for their design and construction goes to U.S. Bechtel and its local partner, the Olayan Corporation, which played an important role in developing the kingdom's infrastructure as well as its oil industry.

The airports at Riyadh, the capital, and Jeddah are centers of excellence in the aviation world. A third major airport has recently been completed at Dhahran in the Eastern Province. Special terminals have also been built at the international airports in order to accommodate the millions of pilgrims who visit the kingdom each



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Redskins Complete Unlikely Sweep

Norv Turner did it before, but had a hard time convincing his Washington Redskins they could do it again. Sweeping Dallas is finished 7-9 and lost twice to both the New the last five. York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles.

took over the Redskins last season.

'If there were 53 guys in this state who

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locker room, and I'm not sure about all of them," Turner said after the Redskins, a 17-point underdog, beat the Cowboys, 24-17, on Sunday for the rare series sweep. This win reinforced our program.

It also stalled the Cowboys' bid to clinch a playoff berth and may be a factor in their drive for the home-field advantage throughout the postseason. On Oct. 1, it was Washington 27, Dallas 23.

Terry Allen ran for 98 yards and two TDs and a surprisingly composed Heath Shuler threw for another as Turner's troops controlled the tempo and the defense held off Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

"We didn't deserve to win right from the beginning," Dallas's coach, Barry Switzer, said. "They ran the ball on us through huge caverns. Why wouldn't we be focused? This was a very important game. Now we have to win the next three games."

While the Cowboys were humbled, Pittsburgh and Kansas City clinched division titles. The Steelers won the American Football Conference Central as they beat Houston and the Chiefs took the AFC West with a victory over Oakland. 49ers 27, Bills 17 In San Francisco, Lee

Woodall turned the game around in the third quarter when he scooped up a fumble and ran 96 yards for a TD as San Francisco won its fourth in a row.

with a first-and-goal at the one-yard line, linebacker Gary Plummer forced a fumble by Darick Holmes with a devastating hit and Woodall did the rest.

sack and two fumble recoveries.

Seshawks 26, Eagles 14 In Seattle, Todd Peterson had a career-best four field goals no small feat these days. The last time it happened was 1990 when the Cowboys nine games. Seattle won its fourth game in on first-half touchdown passes.

Turner, however, has a unique advan- 22 of 34 for 286 yards and four TDs as tage -he raught the Cowboys' offense just Denver overcame several special teams' about everything it knows, serving as of-fensive coordinator from 1990 until he off return for a TD when Desmond Howard dianapolis and Miami for the final two up Rypien's second TD pass to Bruce. AFC wild-card slots.

Chargers 31, Browns 13 In San Diego, Aaron Hayden, the rookie replacing the injured Natrone Means, rushed 32 times for 127 yards and his first two NFL touchdowns as San Diego won for the second time in six days. Cleveland lost its fifth straight.

In games reported in Monday's early

Dolphins 21, Falcons 20 Irving Fryar juggled and then caught Dan Marino's 21yard touchdown pass with 11 seconds left. giving the Miami Dolphins and their beleaguered coach, Don Shula, a victory over the stunned Atlanta Falcons.

The Dolphins rallied from a 20-9 deficit with two touchdowns in the last eight minutes, and Marino drove them 72 yards in the final 1:49 for the winning score.

The victory ended a three-game losing

streak for the Dolphins. The comeback could also, at least for the moment, quiet critics who have argued that Shula should quit. Packers 24, Bengals 10 In Green Bay,

Wisconsin, Brett Favre threw three touchdowns in Green Bay's victory over Cincinnati. He completed 31 of 43 passes for 339 yards, his fifth 300-yard game this year and the 10th of his career. Favre's performance against the Bengals put the Packers alone in first place in the NFC Central in December for the first time since 1972. Saints 31, Patriots 17 Jim Everett's

touchdown passes of 50 yards to Quinn With the score tied 10-10 and the Bills Early and 69 yards to Lorenzo Neal, and Mario Bates' 66-yard run lifted the visiting Saints over New England. It was the fifth victory in six games for New Orleans.

elers 21, Ollers 7 In Pittsburgh, Neil San Francisco's top-ranked defense O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes on

Woodall leading the way with 10 tackles, a up their third AFC Central championship in coach Bill Cowher's four seasons by beating Houston. Despite throwing his first three interceptions in a month, O'Donnell

Rama 23, Jets 20 Isaac Bruce broke free Jaguare 23 John Elway was for two third-down touchdown receptions in St. Louis's victory. Bruce, the league's leading receiver in passing yardage was blanketed by comerback Aaron Glenn and off return for a TD when Desmond Howard ran nine yards and then threw across the After the Jets made it 14-13 on Nick Lowfield to Jimmy Smith, who went the re- ery's 23-yard field goal early in the fourth thought we would win, they were all in our maining 85 yards. Denver is tied with In-quarter, Greg Robinson's 37-yard run set

hers 13. Colts 10 Derwin Gray's facemask penalty set up a 38-yard field goal by John Kasay with eight seconds left, giving Carolina a victory over Indianapolis — the Panthers' sixth of the season. The Colts played most of the second half without Jim Harbaugh, the NFL's top-rated passer. Harbaugh was sacked six times before leaving in the third quarter with a sprained right knee. His replacement, Paul Justin, also struggled. allowing the Panthers (6-7) to double the record for victories by an expansion team.

Vikings 31, Buccaneers 17 Cris Carter and Amp Lee provided the offense and Minnesota's defense had eight sacks as the Vikings defeated Tampa Bay in Minneapolis. Trent Dilfer, sacked six times, was ejected in the third queter for fighting with the All-Pro tackle John Randle.



Kansas City safety Brian Washington bringing down the Raiders' tight end Kerry Cash in the Chiefs' 29-23 victory.

Assault With Battery: Raiders Are the Hosts From Hell

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Los Angeles Times Service

OAKLAND - The good people of Oakland attacked the Kansas City Chiefs first. They chased their team buses into a stadium tunnel Sunday morning bearing gifts of garbage, water balloons and a Steve Bono doll hanging from a noose.

The Oakland Raiders struck next, scor-

ing a touchdown with the game only 61 seconds old, knocking Bono, the Chiefs' quarterback, from the field minutes later. They danced and preened amid thousands of tattoos pleading for more pain.

Yet it is the Chiefs who have everybody surrounded. It is the Chiefs who were the Francisco's top-ranked defense O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes on tough guys, the intimidating guys. It is the five Buffalo turnovers, with an otherwise off day as the Steelers wrapped Chiefs who are the American Football Con-

tory before 53,930 in Oakland Alameda-County Coliseum. The Chiefs have beaten become football's most heartfelt rivalry.

"There is animosity between these teams, real animosity," Phillips said.

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In achieving football's best record at 11-2, the Chiefs proved they can take a punch. the Chiefs proved they can take a punch. And a kick. And a grab of the face mask. And a knee to the groin. And a double-A battery to the back. And a piece of fruit off the helmet. And a cup of beer down the shirt.

The Raiders and their fans were the hosts

Chiefs with a catalogue's worth of items. the Raiders 12 of the last 13 meetings in what

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Browns-Pittsburgh Steelers series — has

Browns-Pittsburgh Steelers has been first player to receiving, the first thing I to the first the Kansas City general manager, who

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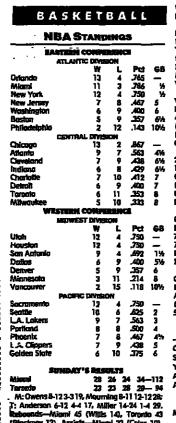
from hell, with the team racking up 105 He ran them into the ground, set records, remember," he said.

yards of penalties while the crowd pelted the then denied that any of it mattered. Alhiefs with a catalogue's worth of items. though after gaining 157 yards while be'I came down to the field with about coming the first player to record 10,000 year minutes left and the first player to record 10,000

face," the defensive end Neil Smith said. Allen said, "Every time I reach a milestone, it seems like it's against this team. I

Yet these are not the Oakland Raiders of everyone's fond memories. Art Shell, the Chiefs' offensive line coach and former Allen did what he usually does against a Raider great, spent the game dodging fruit team that kicked him out three years ago. Raider great, spent the game dodging fruit team that kicked him out three years ago.

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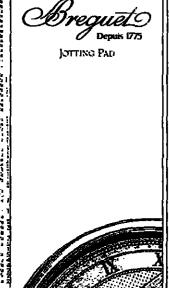
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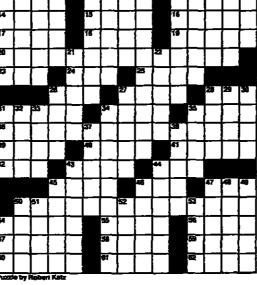
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Robin Smith avoiding a fast ball as England batted to a draw.

England Holds On

CRICKET England's captain, Michael Atherton, made an unbeaten 185 to save the second test Monday against South Africa in Johannesburg. His innings lasted nearly two days, spanning

Set 479 to win, England played for a draw and lost just one wicket on the

last day, Robin Smith, finishing on 351 for five. Jack Russell batted for 276 minutes for just 29 runs.

Pakistan salvaged some pride by beating Australia by 74 runs in the final test Monday after a mesmerizing performance by the minner Mushtan performance by the spinner Mushtag Ahmed, who took four wickets as Australia collapsed for 172 in their second innings in Sydney. (Reuters)

f New Stadium for Detroit

BASEBALL The Detroit City Council approved spending \$40 million of the city's money to help build a new downtown stadium for the Detroit Tigers. The deal would commit the Tigers to staying in Detroit until at least 2033.

Canadiens Suspend Roy

HOCKEY Patrick Roy, the Montreal Canadiens goaltender, was suspended by the team and offered for trade. Roy was unhappy with Mario Tremblay, the new coach, who left him in the game in a 11-1 defeat of Detroit. Roy reportedly told Ronald Corey, the club president: "It's either him or me." Roy is one of the highest-paid players in the National Hockey League and a three-time winner of the Vezina Trophy for the best goalie.

Robinson and Orioles Part

BASEBALL The Baltimore Orioles have refused to renew the contract of Frank Robinson, the assistant general manager. Robinson has spent 19 years in the organization as a player, manager and front office executive. (AP)

French Experts Decide

SOCCER The stadium being built near Paris for the 1998 World Cup is to be called Stade de France, the French sports minister, Guy Drut, said

on Monday. Drut said many names had been considered by a panel of 14 experts. The most popular public choice was to name the stadium after Michel Platini, the former French captain, but Platini rejected the idea. (Reuters)

WORLD ROUNDUP Orlando Finds Road Still Full of Bumps

The Associated Press The Orlando Magic is finding the road rough again this season.

Last season, the team's sparkling 39-2 home record was in stark contrast with its 18-23 road mark, and this season seems to be shaping up similarly. Losing 90-82 at throw attempts. Portland on Sunday night, Orlando He was beld a dropped to 3-4 on the road.

The expansion Vancouver Grizzlies helping the Heat stop the Raptors' four-can't win anywhere. With their 15th straight defeat, 109-95, to Milwankee, they

Knicks 107, Bullets 33 New York held

NBA ROUNDUP

are only five losses short of the National Basketball Association record for consec-

Orlando, coming off a 109-106 loss Saturday night at Sacramento, shot poorly. Randolph Childress, a Portland rookie, hit four out of six three-point shots as the

Trail Blazers stopped the Magic, whose

point total was a season low. The Blazers had a 67-31 advantage in rebounds but still trailed much of the game until they had a 15-0 run to take an 84-71

lead on Clifford Robinson's 15-footer. "I don't remember being beat that bad on the boards," Orlando's coach, Brian Hill, said. "They're a big team, working hard on the boards, and they're one of the best rebounding teams in the league."

Robinson scored 22 points and Aaron

McKie 17 for Portland. Dennis Scott and Horace Grant had 20 each for the Magic. Anfernee Hardaway scored 15 points, minutes left but was only 6 for 18. Nick Anderson was at 108-106.

just 1 for 11 and Scott 7 for 22. tories, but is now approaching the record of points for the Lakers. 20 consecutive losses set by Philadelphia (1973) and Dallas (1993).

Vin Baker paced the visiting Bucks, scoring 12 of his 27 points in the third quarter and finishing with 15 rebounds. Glenn Robinson added 22 points, including 12 of 12 from the line.

Heat 112, Raptors 24 Miami won its fifth straight as Alonzo Mourning scored nine points during a 13-point fourth-quarter run. Mourning, 12 for 12 from the free-throw line, was perfect in a 13-point first half, making all four shots and all five free-

He was held scoreless in the third quarter, but scored 15 points in the fourth,

Washington to a season low, beating the Bullets for the 15th straight time.

Anthony Mason had 19 points and 11 rebounds, making 6 of 10 field goals.

Charles Oakley added 16 points and 16 rebounds for the host Knicks, who have won seven of nine. Derek Harper had 14 while leading New York's fast break. Gheorghe Muresan's 14 points led

Cavaliers 108, Marvericks 107 Chris Mills scored all 22 of his points after halftime, sending the game into overtime with a

clutch three-pointer.

Mills's shot with 9.9 seconds left in regulation tied the score at 103. He also got the last rebound of overtime, helping Cleveland to its fifth victory in six games.

Jamal Mashburn, who led visiting Dallas

with 28 points, had a chance to win the game in regulation, but his 18-foot baseline jumper was long as the buzzer sounded. The teams exchanged baskets in over-time until Dan Majerie's layup with two minutes left put Cleveland ahead for good

just 1 for 11 and Scott 7 for 22.

Bucks 108, Grizzles 95 Vancouver broke a 91-91 tie with four straight points in opened the season with two straight victories final 2:20 and Nick Van Exel scored 26

Campbell made two free throws and a

basket and Van Exel scored five straight to put the Lakers ahead 100-91 with 37.2 seconds remaining. Cedric Ceballos had 19 points and a career-high six steals.

Reggie Miller was held to eight points.



Dale Davis led the Pacers with 21 points. Vlade Divac of the Los Angeles Lakers driving to the basket between Antonio Davis, left, and Rick Smits of the Indiana Pacers, who lost, 104-96.

Flyers Doom Bruins, 6-1, for 8th Straight

Mikael Renberg and John LeClair had two goals and an assist each to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to their eighth straight victory, 6-1, over the Boston Bruins. The "Legion of Doom" line - Eric

Lindros centering Renberg and LeClair — NHL ROUNDUP

combined for four goals and four assists for

Philadelphia in Sunday's game. "Eric didn't score today, but he set up a lot of plays for me and John," said Renberg. 'To play with him when he's hungry, you can't ask for any more in a line-

Penguins 5, 11ghtning 4 In Tampa, Flori-da, Jaromir Jagr's league-leading 23d goal with 6:25 left in the second period snapped a tie as Pittsburgh blew a three-goal advantage but came back for a victory over

Tampa Bay, extending its victory streak to with Tampa Bay on the power play, Mario Lemieux stole a pass along the right boards and gave a centering pass to Jagr, who deflected the puck past the Lightning's goaltender, J.C. Bergeron, Lemieux based and pass and marginal firm length. had four assists and moved into 16th place

on the all-time points list with 1,268. Jets 5, Flames 2 Keith Tkachuk snapped a tie late in the second period and Eddie Olczyk added two third period insurance goals, as Winnipeg snapped visiting Cal-

gary's three-game unbeaten streak.
Tkachuk netted his 14th goal with 1:53 left in the second period on a 20-foot shot from the left face-off circle to make it 3-2. Assists on the goal went to Teemu Selanne and Alexei Zhamnov.

Hatcher's sixth goal with 3:52 left lifted Dallas to victory over Colorado, which suffered its first loss at home. Hatcher took a pass and skated behind the net and poked a shot past Avalanche goaltender Staphane

The Russian Capitalists Who Wish to Remain Read

By Robert Edelman New York Times Service

N 1990, Vladimir Titorenko was a leading writer for the national sports daily above 800,000. in Russia, Sovetskii Sport. But as he While the edit increasing disapproval from hard-line editors, who were more interested in pushing coverage of the Olympic sports favored by the state: track and field, weight lifting and

ginning of the end of the old Soviet Union, manner." 12 of Sovetskii Sport's most popular writers left en masse to start the new paper. They were taking a personal and professional risk. Sovetskii Sport was not just the most popular sports daily in the USSR, it (\$160,000) from the Commercial-Indus-

was the country's only sports daily. To distinguish the new paper from sovetskii Sport, its founders promised to emphasize sports with the largest audiences—soccer, hockey and basketball—

No one received wages for the first six

occasional articles. The quest seemed hopeless. But today their paper, Sport Ekspress, is one of the most successful dailies in Russia, with a circulation well sovetskii Sport.

ficiends who were able to help us," said the deputy editor, Vladimir Geskin, 42, who like Kuchmi spent more than 20 years at Sovetskii Sport.

While the editors are reluctant to discuss began to write positive reports about the financial details, they say that most issues National Basketball Association, he faced sell out and that the daily rate for a fullpage advertisement is \$24,000 — though, like their Western counterparts, they offer discounts to good customers.

the state: track and field, weight lifting and archery.

The deputy director of Sovetskii Sport, Vladimir Kuchmi, had been experiencing similar frustration. So that spring he raised the idea of starting a politically independent sports daily and invited Titorenko to icin him. foreign press. There was only one page of In July 1991, a few weeks before the sports news for fans: one page for jour-

> Sport Ekspress began publishing three days before the August coup. Kuchmi had used personal contacts to get a low-interest trial Bank of the Russian Republic. The

Yelena Vaitsekhovskaya, the assistant

editor and a former Olympic diving cham-pion, recalled the first days. "We knew only how to write articles, but nothing the coup began," Kuchmi said. "All newsabout production, advertising or distribution." Still, the founders were able to publish 20,000 copies of a four-page paper five times a week. It was delivered from the trunk of Kuchmi's car to whatever news-

stands would take it.

They immediately found an audience. After four years, Sport Ekspress has and circulation increased rapidly. Kuchmi begun to generate solid profits, its editors said he paid back the bank loan in three

ads for bookies and phone sex began to appear in Sport Ekspress. But even-tually they gave way to lucrative displays for large Western and Russian companies selling everything from cigarettes and cof-

fee to athletic shoes and computers. Still, Vsevolod Kukushkin, the paper's alize that the paper's independence is a business director, had to reorient a certain byproduct of its financial success. Russian literalness concerning advertising. ences — soccer, hockey and basketball — No one received wages for the first six to advertise in a paper like Sport Ekstied to the future of Russia's business and relegate the more obscure sports to months. "We were fortunate each of us had press," he said. "Someone would say, "We sector."

It didn't hurt to be lucky. 'We'd published for three days when papers were closed down, but I was so obsessed I forgot the danger. Our printing plant was surrounded by troops, but I begged a soldier to let me pass with our layouts. He could have shot me, but he

say. Journalistically, however, it has yet to find its own voice. Many of its practices are overreactions to the perversities of Soviet DVERTISING took longer to ex- journalism, which featured a lack of up-toion over news. Afraid of putting words in their subjects' mouths, the editors structure virtually every article — whether a game report or an analysis — as an interview. Nonetheless, Sport Ekspress has clearly

found an audience, though its editors re-

We understand we are a capitalist en-'Not everyone understood what it meant terprise," Kukushkin said. "Our future is

Old Baseball Heroes Face Tax-Dodger Fines and Indictments

The Associated Press

Several retired baseball stars may be indicted or fined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for failing to report income received for signing auto-graphs, the New York Daily News reported on Monday. It said the story was based on a confidential federal report.

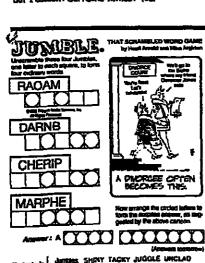
Two former players, Duke Snider, who played for the Dodgers, and Willie McCovey, formerly of the San Francisco Giants, recently pleaded guilty to tax evasion on cash earned selling their antographs. The players were paid a total of \$243,100 during a three-day event at an Atlantic City, New Jersey, hotel in January 1989. Payments ranged from \$3,600 for Ernie Banks to \$57,000 players, Willie Mays and Ted Williams, reported payments on their tax forms.

The promoters of the event pleaded guilty to tax evasion last year. Players and payments included: Frank Robinson, \$39,000; McCovey, \$22,000; Pete Rose and Mike Schmidt, both \$20,000; Mays, \$19,000; Reggie Jackson, \$15,000; Snider, \$10,000; Hank Aaron, \$8.500; Harmon Killebrew and Tony Perez, both \$4,500.

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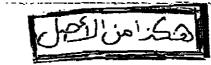


THE FAR SIDE









ART BUCHWALD Good, Good News

WASHINGTON — There asleep every time I touched the is good news and good accelerator." news. First, the good news. Now that federal control of na- was not as happy as the male tional speed limits has been drivers I talked to. She con-

drive much, much faster without the police aiming a radar gun at you.

Now the good. good news — orthopedic surgeons stand to make bundle.

"Goodby, 55 mph. Hello, hospital emergency rooms.

So one of the major topics of conversation is, what will people do with the extra time they save by whizzing along?

l stood on the Capital Beltway interviewing drivers who were stuck in gridlock and had nothing better to do than to con-

tribute to my survey.
One driver said, "I'm going to use the extra time to count my blessings. We live in a country where people should have the choice of going 90 miles an hour or getting stuck in a traffic jam because someone who was doing 80 hit someone doing 84." Another driver in a Jeep

said, "If I get home earlier, their way. I'll be able to spend more time with my mother-in-law. 'Under the old speeding re-

strictions, we hardly had a chance to really get to know each other.

"It's about time they abolished the speed limit. I can now get to the golf course 10 minutes 55 mph was in force, I went youth marches to a different crazy because my foot fell drummer."

A woman driving a Honda abolished, you will be able to fided, "I have never been a speed freak, and frankly I have never even driven 55 mph, so the new speed rules are no big

> "On the other hand, my husband maintains that the difference of five miles an hour will affect the entire economy. People driving to shopping malls will have a lot more time to shop if they can get there

A state trooper told me, Drivers violating the 55 speed limit were a big source of our income. Now we're just going to be uniformed Maytag men sitting by the roadside watching everyone whiz by. Speeding tickets are what made this coun-

A lawyer in a Mercedes Benz was happy about the abolition of the speed limit. "The big money in lawsuits is in automobile accidents. When everyone steps on the gas and goes to 90 we can go to Aspen. We've been urging Congress to eliminate the 55 mph limit because it has cut down on accidents. Now all of us will profit because the cowboys finally got

try great.

It is true that when I conducted my survey nobody was traveling as fast as they would like on the Beltway.

But almost everyone I talked to said that they just needed a
A man in a Maserati told me, little daylight and there would

be no stopping them. The state trooper told me that one teen-ager said, "If 75 is faster and tee off at 9 A.M. now legal, we're going to have instead of 9:10 A.M. When the to go 80 to prove that America's

With Bravado, Saul Zaentz Invests in Literature

By Kate Dunn New York Times Service

DIENZA, Italy -- In an olive grove beside an ■ abandoned monastery, the filmmakers are working their way toward the 23d take of a key scene in "The English Patient."

Juliette Binoche, as Hana, a Canadian nurse from an Allied medical unit, and Naveen Andrews as Kip, the Sikh bomb-disposal expert and Hana's lover, reach for a complex, delicate moment when they simultaneously defuse a bomb and have their first embrace.

This \$30 million movie, which will complete filming next month in Tunisia and be released next year, also stars Ralph Fiennes ("Strange Days" and "Quiz Show") as the enigmatic English patient of the title; Willem Dafoe as an Italian-Canadian thief turned spy and Kristin Scott-Thomas as Katharine, the patient's lover before his plane crash.

The film is a risk for its producer, Saul Zaentz, a man whose pictures — including "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 'Amadeus' and "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" - have won 13 Oscars. Zaentz, who is 73, is perhaps the last of the

great independent producers. Other moviemakers admire his choice of subject and his bravado in using his own money to make movies.

But his last outing, "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," in 1991, lost \$20 million. This time around he has \$5 million of his and his partners."

Producer Saul Zaentz (right) with actor Willem Dafoe on location in Italy. money (Miramax put up the rest) invested in finding out whether a literary masterpiece like

Michael Ondaatje's "English Patient," which won England's Booker Prize in 1992, can turn a Right now, the scene on the hillside is not working. As the shadows cast by the Tuscan cedars grow longer, the director, Anthony Minghella, calls for another break. Behind him sits Zaentz, who has been credited with catching talent on the cusp of greatness, when he can still afford it. Binoche, who started in Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Blue," proved to be one such catch in "The Unbearable Lightness of Being."

Zaentz believes that Minghella is another. The producer has the patience to wait through take after take for the scene to sort itself out. Rather than screaming at his director about schedules and budget when the action stops, he tells a little story.

"We were flying in a small plane in Brazil, looking for locations for 'At Play,' "he said.
"It was 5:30 A.M. Hector Babenco, the film's director, and everybody in back of the plane were sleeping. Then I looked up and saw in Zaentz has money riding not only on a relatively



10 minutes, the pilot woke up by himself. He looked at me from the corner of his eye, worried. I didn't let on. He busied himself with the controls. We kept on course.

"Later, when I told the story, Hector said, 'Why didn't you do something?' I said: 'We were fine. But if it had looked like we were going to crash, I would have put my hands around his throat.

That story describes the way Zaentz works: certain he has hired the right talent, he gives them latitude. As if to illustrate the point, an exasperated Minghella jogs up the hill to talk to his producer. "Did you watch the last shot?" he

asked. "Is it going any better?"

The white-bearded Zaentz just nods and nods. Reassured, Minghella walks down the hill, pauses to take Binoche's hand and speaks quietly to her. He does the same to Andrews. A

front that the pilot was asleep, too. After about untested director but on a period film, an antiwar story about love and the betrayal of in-dividuals, ideals, nations and races. In "The English Patient," the ideas alone could make it

a difficult film to pull off.
"'The English Patient' is a very hard sell,"
said Minghella, who brought the book to Zaentz's attention after the producer called him in London to say how much he had liked "Truly, Madly, Deeply," a romantic ghost story written and directed by Minghelia. "The English Patient' is too uncompromising for the amount of money it is taking to make. That's why Saul is one of only two or three producers in the

world who could rustle up the money for it."

It's been an unlikely life for an ex-sailor from New Jersey who, at the end of World War II, intended to become a chicken farmer. Instead, Zaentz fell into the recording business in Calthe Creedence Clearwater Revival, made him a

wanted to make films out of two '60s novels, generosity of spirit in a murderous business.'

"At Play in the Fields of the Lord," by Peter Matthiessen, and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," by Ken Kesey. Shortly thereafter he sent a copy of the Kesey novel to the Czech

expatriate director Milos Forman. "No major studio wanted to finance 'Cuckoo's Nest,' '' Forman said by telephone from Los Angeles. "So he had to do it himself, and the film had to be cheap. I was a director whose work he respected, but I was still cheap because my first film, 'Taking Off,' in 1971 had been a

A decade later, Forman told Zaentz that he should make a film of the play "Amadeus"; their second Oscar-winning collaboration was

'Saul is the producer ideal because he realized that a film has to be made by one person, the director, not by committee," Forman said. Minghella is a more recent convert. "Everything about Saul is beguiling if you're a filmmaker," he said, "because he has such courage and such confidence in the people he elects to work with."

manent Mass

Binoche saw a more grandfatherly side and appreciated the fact that he had the courtesy to leave the set during her nude scenes. "Saul is not there to control things but to give of himself," she said. "I need warmth and understanding, and Saul is there for that.

Zaentz said he was committed to "doing honor" to modern literature through art films that attract picky artists like Binoche, Fiennes, Dafoe and the cinematographer John Seale, all working for less than what they would usually

In the face of great art, he said, egos must be put aside: "As Ingmar Bergman said, actors have to get to the point where there's no me. Not only the actors but everybody should think that way."

Novelists, too, trust Zaentz with their books.

Minghella wrote the screen adaptation of "The English Patient' with substantial help from Ondaatje, a Canadian of Sri Lankan origin.

"It's been a wonderful collaboration," said Ondaatje of working with both Minghella and Zaentz. "I thought it would be, given the quality of Saul's other films made from books I love, including 'At Play.' '

These days Zaentz is scanning the bookshelves for his next project. The only requireifornia. (He now lives in Berkeley.) In the 1960s ment, he said, is that he and his director "must his Fantasy Records label, known for jazz and be equally passionate about the book we want to make into a film."

Fiennes summed him up this way: "Saul is Bored, he announced to his partners that he extremely unusual in that he's hung onto a

POSTCARD

Perils of Property: When Luxury Homes Don't Sell

By Maryann Haggerty

WASHINGTON — Barrie Dunsmore used to think you couldn't lose money owning a nice house in a good part of

But then he spent a year trying to sell his seven-bedroom home in the District of Columbia's Palisades neighborhood. The house cost him \$675,000 in 1992. This spring, he finally found a buyer — at \$595,000.

"The lesson I learned, which is a lesson that just about anybody who bought real estate at my time learned, is that you cannot automatically assume that your involvement in real estate ... is going to bear some according to figures prepared by the Dis- at \$1.5 million, eventually sold for financial fruit," said Dunsmore, a retired trict Association of Realtors. Of the bouses \$990,000. Harriman's late husband, ondent who now is a fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

"You can take a bath," he said.

Europe

Oceania

down this year. And nationally, sales of high-end homes — a definition that shifts for more than \$2 million, he said. So far this depending on the locale -- remain weak even though overall sales are up, said Gopal Ahluwalia, director of research for the National Association of Home Builders. "The high end of the market, the expensive homes — they never recovered

from the 1991 recession," he said. The inventory of unsold D.C. houses has were 2,298 houses listed for sale in the District at the end of September, compared inventory at both times.

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Forecast for Wednesday through Friday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

North America

Falling sales and falling prices aren't unique to the district's expensive neighborhoods. Throughout the region, both are down this year. And nationally, sales of year, there have been six sales of homes for more than \$2 million.

'If you're an affluent buyer and you really want something, you're going to buy it," said Lois G. Robins of Long & Foster

Sometimes sellers can dramatically over-estimate. For instance, Pamela Hardropped some over the past year. There riman, the long-time Georgetown hostess who's now ambassador to France, tried earlier this year to sell two adjoining propwith 2,479 at the same time last year, erties on N Street NW. The smaller, listed for sale this year, 64 were listed at more Averell, paid \$95,000 for it in 1970, acthan \$1 million. Houses listed at more than cording to city records. The larger, listed \$300,000 accounted for about 23 percent of unsuccessfully for \$3.3 million, is no longer on the market.

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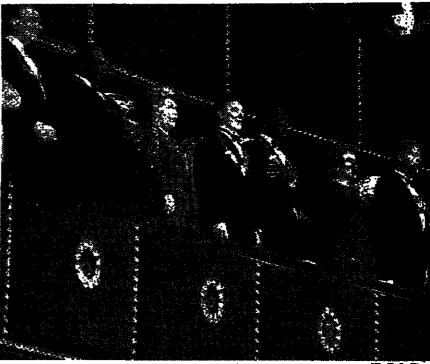
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THE director Emir Kusturica, a Bosni-A an Muslim whose award-winning and controversial film on the war in his homeland sparked accusations he was an apologist for the Serbs, has decided to quit making movies, his press office said. A spokeswoman confirmed a report in the French daily Libération that quoted the Sarajevo-born director as saying he was going to "change his life." "I wish to inform my friends and my enemies that in my 41st year, I have ceased making films,' Kusturica was quoted as saying. "I don't know to what extent this will relieve my enemies but I do know that my friends will understand to what extent my life will be less burdensome."

In a jazzy celebration of American arts, President Bill Clinton led a star-packed audience in honoring the dancer Jacques the opera singer Marilyn Horne, the blues legend B.B. King and the actor Sidney Poitier at the Kennedy Center. Poitier, the first black American actor nominated for a best actor Oscar and the first to win one, was praised by the actors Louis Gossett Jr., James Eari Jones and Paul Newman. Among those attending the awards ceremony at the Kennedy Center in Washington were the Duchess of York, retired General Colin Powell and his wife, Alma and the speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, who joined Clinton in laughter when the comedian Steve Martin said that rather than honoring Simon, "I would much rather suck up to the president and talk about my favorite cause — the celebrity tax

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, 95, left a private London hospital 18 days after becoming one of the oldest people in the world to undergo a hip replacement operation. She negotiated the hospital steps using a pair of walking sticks and waved to a small crowd of well-wishers before accepting a bunch of flowers from a nurse.

'Cracked Rear View' by Hootie & The Blowfish is selling more than 1 mil-lion copies a month. The Recording Industry Association of America says the album has now sold 11 million — in- said the actress Halle Berry, adding that the cluding a remarkable 5 million since Au-



Honorees: From left, Simon, King, Horne, d'Amboise, Poitier and the Clintons.

Princess Michael of Kent, 53, fell from Scottish estate and was treated in a hospital for a strained neck.

Bruno Calonne, 36, a bank cashier in Lille, France, said he would keep going to work just as always, although he has just won a record 69 million francs (\$13.8 million) in the national lottery.

Santa Claus had some bad news for David Hasselhoff at the 64th Hollywood Christmas Parade. "He said 'You were a very bad boy. There'll be no presents this year," the "Baywatch" star said as he rode in a vintage car during Sunday's parade. It wasn't the merriest of sentiments, and with the only snow the artificial stuff on Santa's float, celebrities seemed to have a hard time getting in the spirit. "It's often hard for me to think of Christmas in L.A., parade was "a way for me to sort of feel Christmasy this year."

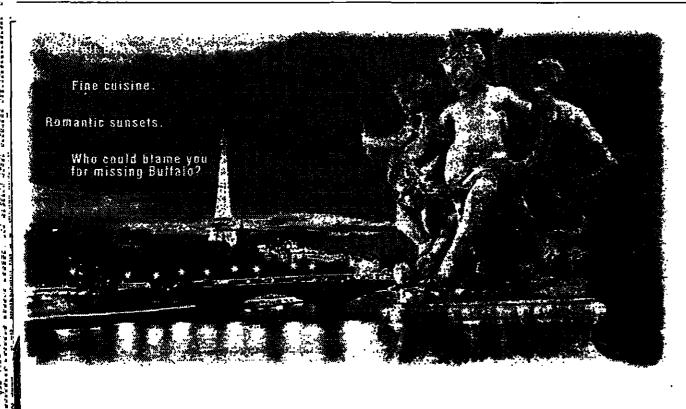
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The dogsledder Will Steger will venture her horse while riding in a hunt on a to Washington this week to receive the National Geographic Society's La Gorce Medal. "I can't think of any contemporary explorer more deserving of this honor," the society's president and chairman, Gilbert Grosvenor, said. Steger led a team in 1986 on a dogsled trek to the North Pole. And in 1990 he led a team by dogsled and skis across the widest part of Antarctica, covering 6,000 kilometers in seven months. The medal has not been awarded in 10 years. Past winners include the aviator Amelia Earhart, the underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau and the polar explorer Robert E. Peary.

> Life is turning out to be more than just a box of chocolates for Christopher Darden. A producer of "Forrest Gump" has reportedly signed with Darden to make a movie about his life, in a deal that could pay the O.J. Simpson prosecutor up to \$1 million. "The movie has to be about more than the O.J. stuff," the producer Steve Tisch said.



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